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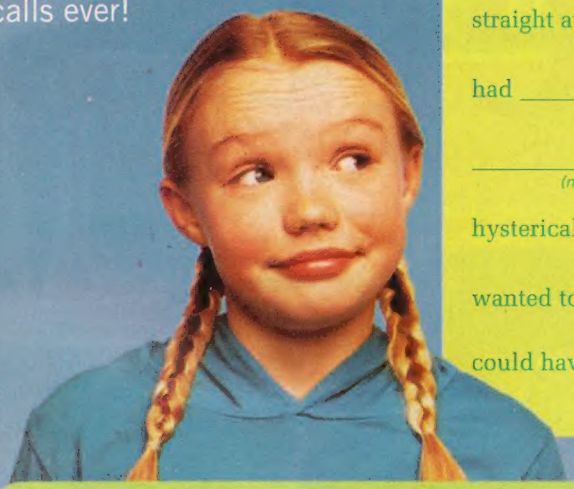
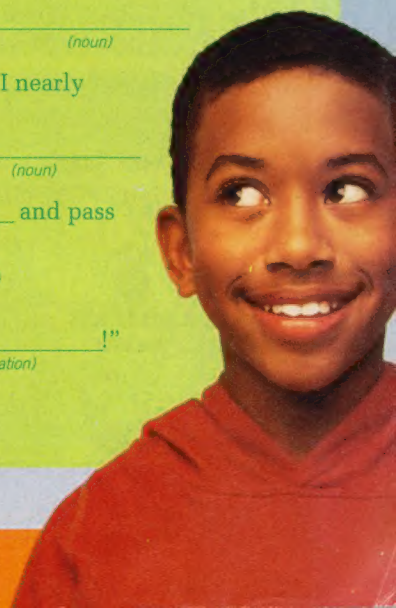


What's up, _____ (friend's name)?

Did you hear what happened to me during lunch today? It was so embarrassing! As usual, the food looked _____ (adjective), but I was so hungry I could have eaten a _____ (noun). They were serving _____ (noun) with _____ (noun) on top and a side of _____ (noun). Once I got my lunch, I started looking for a seat next to _____ (friend's name). On the way to the table, I slipped on a _____ (noun) and my food went flying toward Mrs. _____ (teacher's last name)! She yelled "_____ (exclamation)" when she saw it coming straight at her, and then, _____ (sound effect)! When the slop cleared, she had _____ (noun) in her hair and _____ (noun) on her _____ (noun). Everyone in the cafeteria was _____ (verb ending in "ing") hysterically! My face turned completely _____ (adjective) and I wanted to run and hide behind the _____ (noun). I wish you could have been there!

Hey, _____ (friend's name)!

It's too bad you missed _____ (friend's name)'s party. It was totally _____ (adjective)! I was running a little late because I forgot my _____ (noun) at the _____ (place), but, luckily, I made it just in time. We ate lunch first and had _____ (noun) with _____ (noun) sauce, then we sang "Happy Birthday" and had _____ (noun) cake. It was delicious! Then we played the _____ (adjective) game ever! I laughed so hard I nearly _____ (verb ending in "ed"). We split up into _____ (number) different teams. Each team had to grab a _____ (noun) and get in a circle. Then each of us had to _____ (verb) it with our _____ (noun) and pass it to the next person. We weren't allowed to use our _____ (body part) at all! When it got to _____ (friend's name), who was last in line, she _____ (verb ending in "ed") it and yelled "_____ (exclamation)!" Man, you should have seen it. What a party!



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Welcome to the HOME Issue

Since there's no place like home for the holidays, we decided to make this issue all about house and home. (And yes, about the holidays, too.) While we can't guarantee that this magazine will keep you as warm as a fireplace or central heating does, hopefully, it will be a lot funnier.

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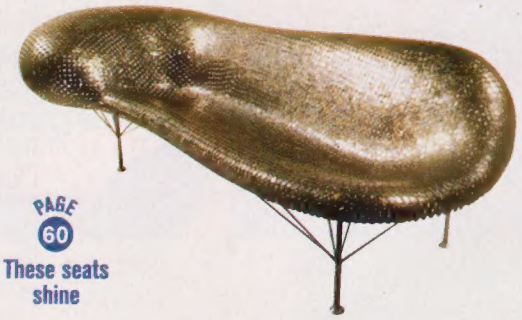

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When you see this it means the story is true. Honest. No lie. It's really real.

2 This is Zelda Van Gutters, roving reporter. For a change, none of the editors put phony reindeer antlers on her while we worked on holiday stories. But whoever stuck the red lightbulb on her nose is fired!

3 Since this is our Home Issue, we had our page numbers hand-embroidered. Also, we'd like to dedicate it to all our homies.

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He's still waiting for his first big break, but Patrick is confident that fame and fortune are in his future! After all, they don't call him Patrick Star for nothing!

Sandy Cheeks
Hailing from the great state of Texas, Ms. Cheeks is perhaps the most popular land squirrel martial arts actress this side of Goo Lagoon.

Mr. Krabs
On the verge of giving up acting to pursue a career in finance, Eugene H. Krabs, has been honing his skills in one stage production after another.

Plankton
While Sheldon J. Plankton's small stature may have kept him from acting opposite some of the bigger celebrities in Hollywood, he's never given up his dreams of stardom... or world domination for that matter.

Squidward Tentacles
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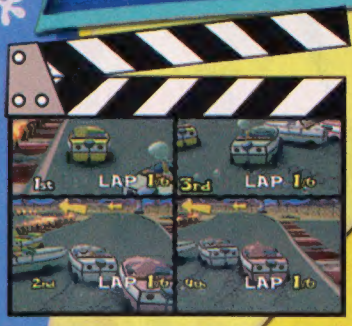

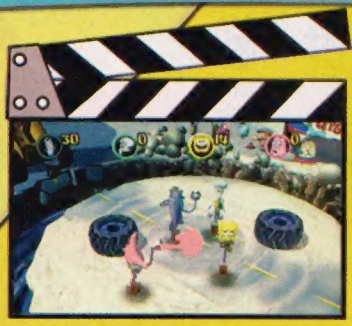

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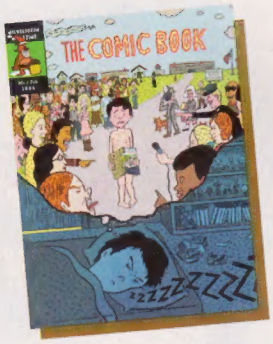

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LETTERS to the EDITORS

About the September issue

Dear Nick Mag,
I thought the gag newspaper *The Village Idiot* was absolutely hilarious! I especially liked the article about how the librarian loaded up books in her car for the book drive.
Nick S., age 12
via e-mail

Dear Nick,
We hope she's back by now and ready to go for the annual coat drive.

My coat's staying right here.

Dear Nick Mag,
I loved the Teacher Assessment Test in "Grade Your Teacher." I gave it to a few teachers. I loved reading their answers. I never knew that my Spanish teacher fell on her head while trying to do a cartwheel in fifth grade. Please put in more stuff like that.
Ali K., age 9
Edmond, Oklahoma

Dear Ali,
Thanks. We hope grading your teachers didn't affect *your* grades.

About the October issue

Dear Nick Mag,
This issue is your best yet. I especially liked the prank magazine *Boo's Life*. I am a Life Scout in Boy Scouting, so I read *Boys' Life* magazine every month. Reading *Boo's Life* just made my day, especially the section about the pine box derby.
Matthew K., age 14
Medina, Ohio

Dear Matthew,
We were worried that the parody might offend Boy Scouts. We're glad it didn't because that would have *haunted* us.

Dear Nick Mag,
I was highly offended by the prank magazine *Boo's Life*! How dare you make fun of *Boys' Life*! FYI, I'm a Boy Scout. You've gone too far! Next October, make a prank mag of yourself.
Cody
via e-mail

Dear Cody,
Whoops…we spoke too soon. Sorry! Guess we can't please all the Scouts all the time. (By the way, we have done two parodies of Nick Mag in the past, and we hope to do more. Scout's honor.)

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Tuesday, December 6, at 8:30 PM

As part of Nick's holiday celebration, check out the premiere of *Danny Phantom*'s "The Fright Before Christmas." In this special, Danny finds himself stuck in a holiday tale where everyone speaks in rhyme. After he enters the Ghost Zone to track down Ghostwriter—who is behind this confusion—Danny learns that he needs the help of some of his enemies to get the holiday spirit back in order.

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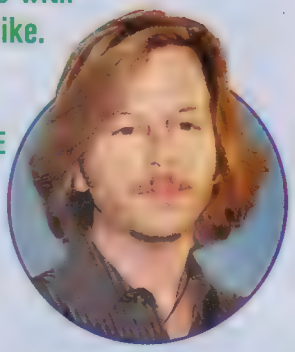
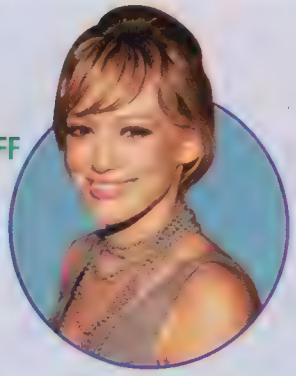


DAVID SPADE
actor
I give it to one of my friends. I regift it ASAP! Sometimes I tell them, "Don't even open this one. You can give it to someone else."

MARIA SHARAPOVA
tennis player
I usually save it. Maybe if someone likes what I don't like, I'll give it to them. [*laughs*] I don't throw it away.



HILARY DUFF
actress and singer
I kindly accept it.

OMARION
singer and actor
I smile and say, "Thank you!"

GERARD WAY
of My Chemical Romance
Complain until I get a better one.

Face to Face

The boy in the yearbook photo at left grew up to be one of the famous men below. Can you guess which one?
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of Two and a Half Men

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of The O.C.

Tom Welling
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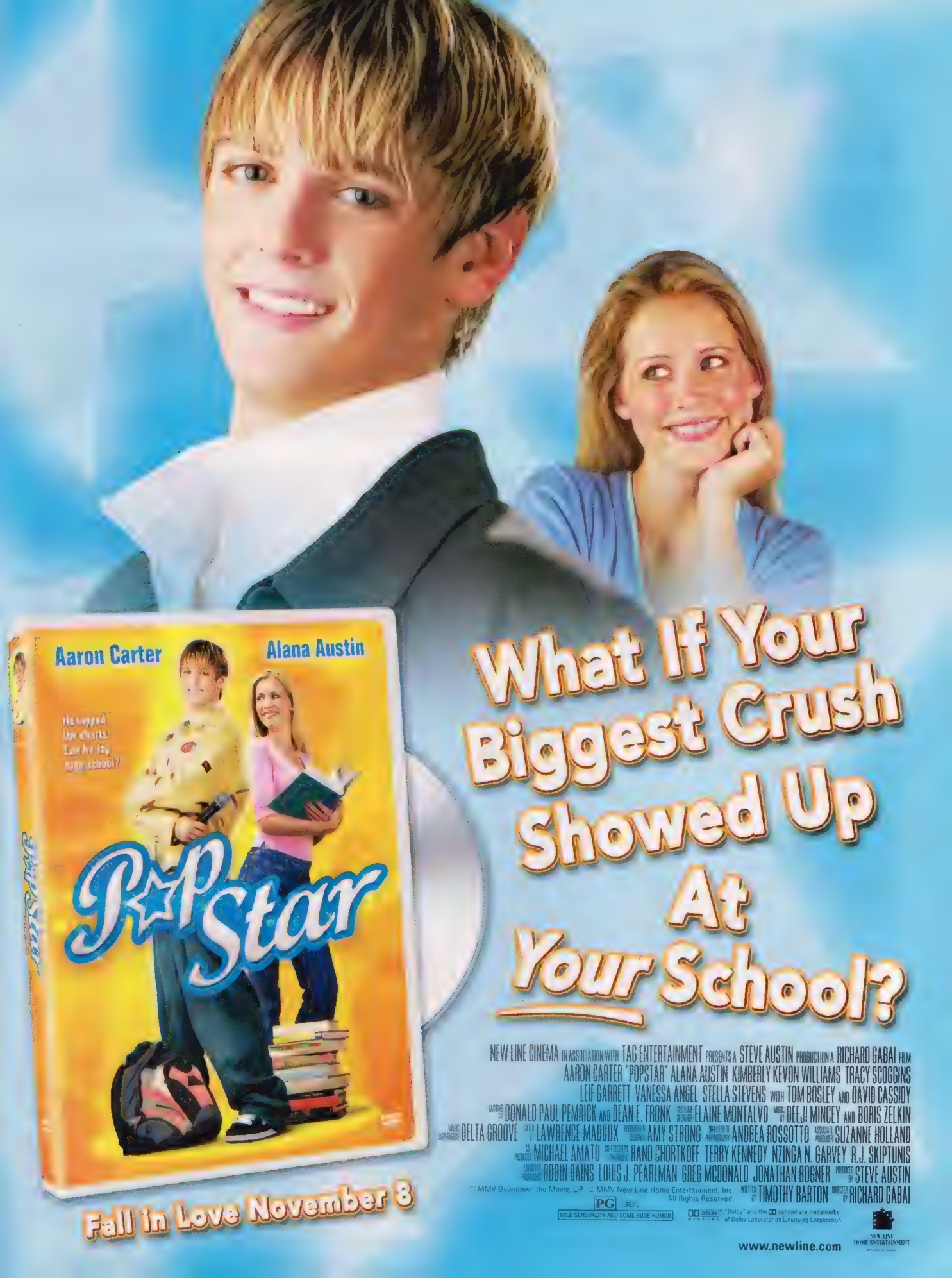
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A Welcome Change

by Anne D. Bernstein

Here are a few unique designs for welcome mats that will really impress visitors to your home.

ROOM for IMPROVEMENT

Here are some signs that it's time to clean your bedroom.

You can't find the bed or the closet.

The dust bunnies are so large that they're scaring your cat.

A family of raccoons just moved into your dresser.

Even the bugs can be seen toting little pails and mops around.

You thought that was your green sweater on the floor, but it was really a pile of mold.

Astronauts can see the mound of junk on your bed from outer space.

Garbage truck companies keep calling you looking for business.

The scary creature under the bed has moved out in disgust.

That dog doesn't look too happy, either.

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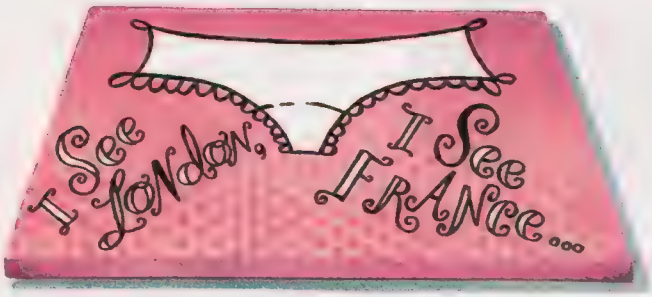

Is Your Kitchen a Restaurant?

At one time or another, a parent has probably told you, "This kitchen is *not* a restaurant." But if the following restaurant traits apply to your kitchen, your parent might be wrong.

The adjoining restroom has bad odors wafting from it.

You have to wipe the table off yourself.

You have trouble getting the attention of the staff.

Someone in the dining room is always talking too loudly.

You have reservations...about eating there.

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Instead of giving you more lists of things to buy or do this holiday season, we thought we'd give you a few lists of things to laugh at.

Thanks for Nothing

Here's what to say if you don't get the present you wanted.

"Great! I can get a good price for this on eBay."

"Whoops! I must have opened someone else's gift by mistake."

"I bet when I get to be your age, I'll be buying all kinds of stuff my nieces and nephews don't want, too."

"I was agonizing what to wear next Halloween!"

"Well, the wrapping paper is really nice."

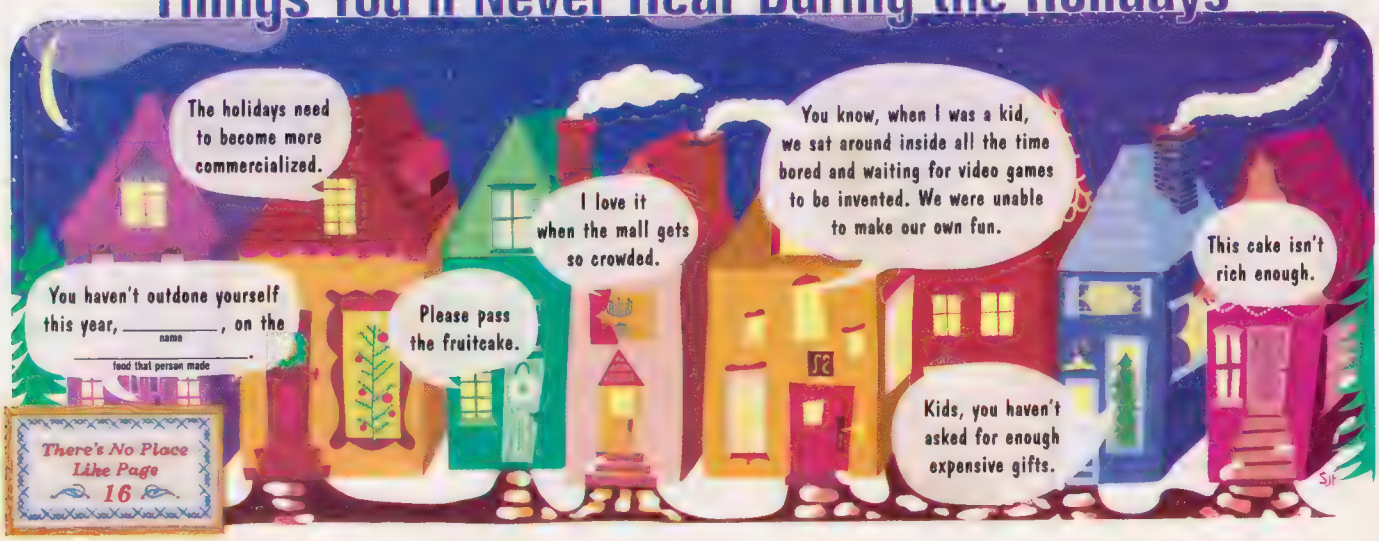
"Thank you! I never could figure out what people meant when they said, 'It's the thought that counts,' but now I finally get it!"

Home, Sweet Mall

Preparing for the holidays often means marathon shopping sessions at the mall. Here are a few warning signs that you've been there too long.

- You've pushed a recliner from Furniture over to the giant wall of TVs in Electronics.
- You've made 17 sales in a store you don't even work at.
- You know where all the mall's bathrooms are.
- All the salespeople know the names, clothing sizes, and shoe sizes of people on your gift list.
- You walk behind the counter of the stands at the food court to check if there are any good snacks in the fridge.
- You know the holiday soundtrack song rotation by heart.
- You have a holiday-size headache.

Things You'll Never Hear During the Holidays



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Marshmallows to Dye For

Cold times call for big, green marshmallows! Real

PREPARATION TIME: About an hour to make and 2–3 hours to cool.

What you'll need:

- 2 tablespoons plain, unsweetened gelatin powder (about 2½ ¼-ounce packets)
  - 1¼ cups water
  - 2 cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 tablespoon green food coloring
- ¼ cup cornstarch
- ½ cup powdered sugar

You'll also need:

- measuring spoons
- a small bowl
- a measuring cup
- a spoon
- a medium-size pot
- an oven mitt
- a large heat-safe bowl
- an electric mixer
- a rubber spatula
- nonstick spray
- an 8" x 8" pan
- plastic wrap
- a medium-size bowl or pan
- an ice cream scooper
- an airtight container or plastic bags for storage
- **an adult to help**

NOTE: This recipe requires cooking on a stove and handling a hot mixture!

1

Pour 2 tablespoons of gelatin powder into the small bowl. Add ¼ cup of the water and quickly stir the mixture so that all of the powder gets wet. Let it sit for 10 minutes to absorb the water. It will become a brownish blob.

2

Pour 2 cups of sugar and 1 cup of water into the pot. Put it on the stove and have an adult turn the heat on low. Stir the mixture until the sugar has dissolved. Then add the gelatin blob and stir until it dissolves. Next, raise the heat to bring the pot to a slow boil. If it foams up like root beer and looks like it will boil over, reduce the heat a bit. Boil for 15 minutes without stirring.

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Use the oven mitt to take the pot off of the stove and pour the syrupy mixture into the heat-safe bowl. Let it cool until it is lukewarm (about 15 minutes). Test the temperature by touching the bottom of the bowl. Do not stick your fingers directly into the syrup. It may be very hot!

4

When the mixture has cooled down, add a teaspoon of vanilla extract. Using the electric mixer on the highest setting, beat the mixture for about 10 minutes, or until it becomes so firm and gooey that it starts to stick to the mixer blades.

5

Add the tablespoon of green food coloring and thoroughly mix it in. Use the rubber spatula to make sure that the goo sticking to the sides of the bowl is mixed in as well.

6

Grease the 8" x 8" pan with non-stick spray and slowly pour the mixture into it. Use the spatula to scrape out any goo that sticks to the sides. Cover the pan with plastic wrap and leave it out to harden for 2 to 3 hours or put it in your fridge for faster hardening.

7

When the marshmallow mixture is firm, combine ¼ cup of cornstarch and ½ cup powdered sugar in the medium-size bowl or pan. (The marshmallows will be very sticky and you will use this powder to coat them.) Then dip the ice cream scooper in water (so it won't stick) and use it to scoop out big marshmallow blobs. You won't get perfect scoops as you would with ice cream. This is okay. You want jagged blobs of marshmallow.

Yes, I do!

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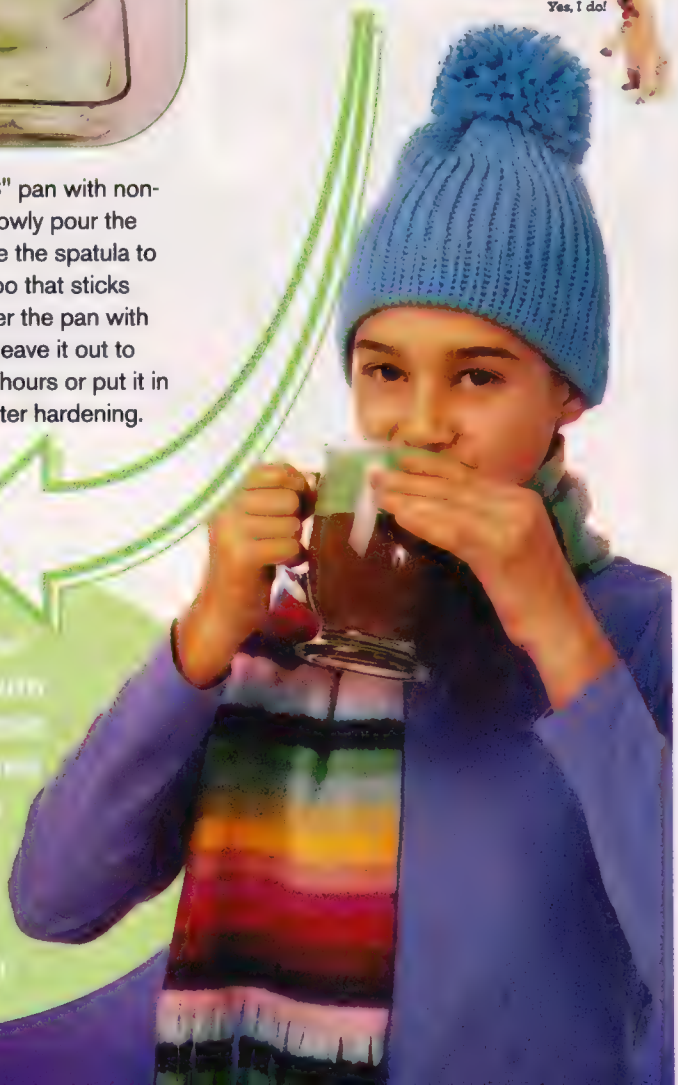

Dress Them Up

Dance into the powder mix! Toss and roll them around with your hands until they are coated. Shake off any excess powder and store the marshmallows in an airtight container or plastic bags, or drop them directly into a steaming mug of hot chocolate!

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Phrase the Roof!

So many common expressions have to do with houses or parts of houses that it's hard to fit them all under one roof. Read the house-related statements below and circle the best response. Answers on page 105.

1. When people are having a really good time, they're "_____ the roof."
   - a. tarring
   - b. raising
   - c. sliding down

2. When someone goes all out to make guests feel very comfortable, you say she is _____ for them.
   - a. "cleaning the floor with her earwax"
   - b. "rolling out the red carpet"
   - c. "stuffing the pillows with money"

3. If you'd like to hear what people are saying about you when you're not there, then you'd love to be a:
   - a. "baby monitor with the volume cranked."
   - b. "fly on the wall."
   - c. "moth on the lamp shade."

4. A problem that's very obvious but that nobody wants to talk about is called the:
   - a. "elephant in the room."
   - b. "rhino on the toilet."
   - c. "Indian in the cupboard."

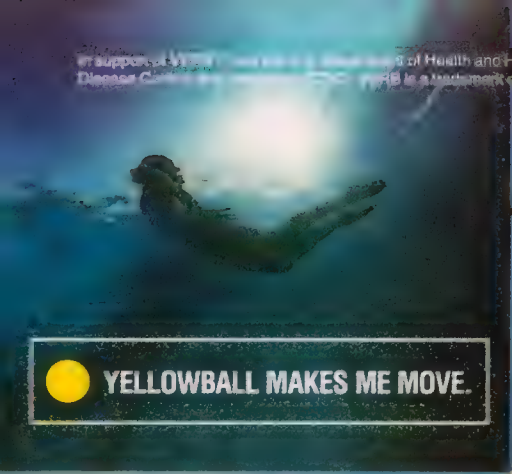
5. When your little brother is "driving you up the wall," he is:
   - a. annoying you.
   - b. taking you for a ride to the ceiling.
   - c. getting taller than you.

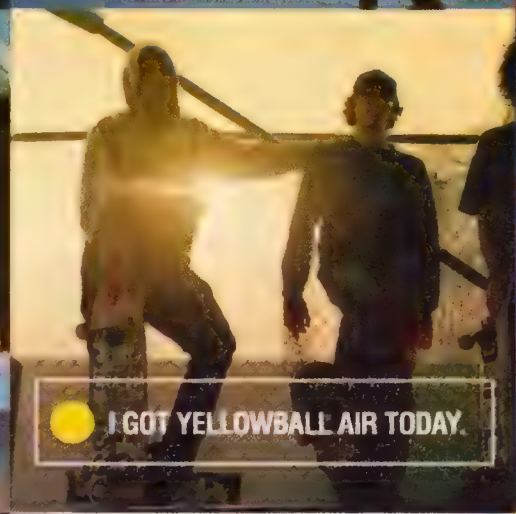
6. When someone loses his temper, you say he:
   - a. "pulled the rug out from under you."
   - b. "hit the ceiling."
   - c. "broke the bathtub."

7. When an event or party isn't very exciting, you describe it as being:
   - a. "as thick as a thumbtack."
   - b. "like the mold on an old shower curtain."
   - c. "as dead as a doornail."

8. When you're afraid that people are listening in, you say:
   - a. "The walls have ears."
   - b. "People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw listening devices."
   - c. "There's a bug in the rug."

9. When you think that it's clear what's about to happen, you say:
   - a. "The refrigerator magnets are all aligned."
   - b. "Smoke signals are coming out of the chimney."
   - c. "The writing is on the wall."





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COOL CRIBS

Steven Stern dug up some digs that would stand out in any neighborhood.

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Until the steel house is finished, Robert and his family live in the more conventional house nearby.

Heavy Metal House

One day, artist Robert Bruno was standing under a large metal sculpture he created and decided that it might be fun to build a work of art that a person could live in. That was back in 1974. Since then, Robert has slowly but steadily been building a one-of-a-kind house overlooking a canyon near Lubbock, Texas.

Using more than 100 tons of salvaged steel plates, which he welds together by hand, Robert makes up the design for the two-bedroom, three-level house as he goes along. "Somewhere between animal and machine" is how he describes the current look of his four-legged creation.

Fish You Were Here

While neighbors call this Berkeley, California, home the Fish House, its shape is actually modeled on a microscopic sea creature called a tardigrade (*above, right*). Architect Eugene Tsui was inspired by the tiny animal, which is one of nature's most indestructible creatures. He borrowed its sturdy, elliptical form for the house, which was built in 1995.

The design of the four-bedroom home helps protect it from floods, earthquakes, and even termites. The curved walls deflect high winds; the round windows resist cracking; and the Styrofoam and cement blocks used to build the house repel fire, water, and termites. Eugene had good reason to make this house extra safe: It was built for his parents.

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Back to the Futuro

In 1968, a fleet of strange, round saucers began invading the Earth. They didn't come from outer space, though—they came from Finland. Architect Matti Suuronen originally designed the Futuro house as a vacation home for a friend. The first one attracted so much attention that a Finnish company decided to mass-produce them. The Futuro came in 16 pieces, ready to be moved anywhere by truck or helicopter and assembled on-site.

Made of plastic, the space-age house was 26 feet across, with an entrance through a hatch door in the bottom. Inside there was a living/sleeping area, kitchenette, and bathroom. Unfortunately, the saucers never really took off. About 100 were built before production stopped in 1978. There are still dozens scattered around the world, though. Most are in New Zealand, but there have also been saucer sightings in Florida, Illinois, and Texas.

Extremely Frequent Makeover

If you ever get tired of your house and wish you could rearrange the rooms or put doors and windows in new places, then the M-House is for you. It's a home-in-a-kit designed by architect Michael Jantzen. The M-House consists of seven interlocking eight-by-eight-foot cubes made of steel and concrete. Each one has removable panels that can be used as walls, entrance ramps, awnings, shutters, seating units—or whatever else you can think of.

There are hundreds of different ways the structure can be put together. Michael hopes to someday build enough M-Houses that owners can trade parts with one another whenever they want to remodel. For now, though, only one M-House has been constructed. It's near Gorman, California, and Michael uses it as his studio. The building has a main room for sleeping and working (*inset, left*), a tiny kitchen, and a second-floor guest loft.

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Living in a Bubble

Architect Antti Lovag hates straight lines: He thinks flat walls are boring, and that people are meant to live in curved spaces. For the last 30 years he's been building houses in the South of France that reflect this idea. His most dramatic creation is a vacation home called Palais Bulles ("Bubble Palace" in English).

Built in the 1970s, the complex of concrete domes with round windows sits on a hill overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. It has 10 bedrooms, a huge reception hall, several swimming pools (round, of course), and an outdoor theater. The futuristic house can be rented out for parties—at a futuristic price.

A Higher Standard of Living

Annunzio Lagomarsini is a down-to-earth guy—but his house in Castelnuovo Magra, Italy, is not. It can levitate nearly 28 feet above the ground and turn in every direction to take in the sun or a view of the sea.

Annunzio, who is an engineer and builder, designed the 60-ton machinery that lifts the house. He then built the machinery out of parts he collected from scrap heaps. Ten electric motors supply the power: Two move the two-story house back and forth on tracks, six motors raise it into the air, and two more allow it to rotate. When the house is finally in a position the owner likes, he can press a button activating a flock of 180 mechanical birds, which fly around and peck on the grass. ❑

Home, Green Home

Here are three cool ways to build a house while helping the environment.

◀ *Crate* Expectations

When an earthquake struck Kobe, Japan, in 1995 and destroyed many homes, architect Shigeru Ban realized that the cardboard tubes he had been experimenting with were perfect for making inexpensive temporary housing.

Shigeru designed a paper "log cabin" that could be assembled out of cardboard tubes in six hours. He used Teflon-coated tent material for the roof and plastic beer crates to support the floor. The architect has built similar structures for homeless people in Turkey and Rwanda. Not only do these buildings save trees, but they can be easily recycled as well.

◀ The Last Straw

Mick Womersley is a professor of ecology who also likes to save money, so when he built himself a house, he decided to practice what he teaches. That's why the walls of his home in Monroe, Maine, are made from about 200 bales of straw.

The house is covered on the outside with recycled foam boards and wooden shingles and on the inside with plaster. The straw walls are surprisingly strong and offer better insulation than the walls in a conventional house. Straw does not attract insects, and, once it's inside a wall, it's less flammable than wood. Another plus: Straw walls use up waste straw which otherwise gets burned, emitting harmful gases.

◀ Road House

A massive highway construction project known as the Big Dig has torn up Boston's streets for years. Paul Pedini is vice president of the company that did much of the work, so he knew that tons of steel and concrete used to make temporary ramps would go to waste after the construction was completed.

With the help of the architecture firm Single Speed Design, Paul designed his own house in Lexington, Massachusetts, using more than 600,000 pounds of recycled steel girders, concrete plates, and other hardware. Now Paul and the architects are hoping to build an apartment complex with other Big Dig leftovers. ❑

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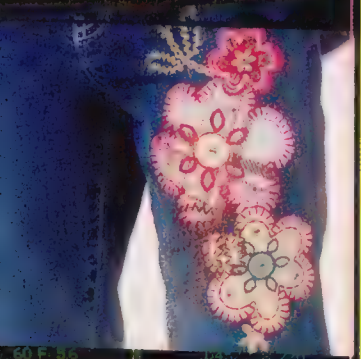

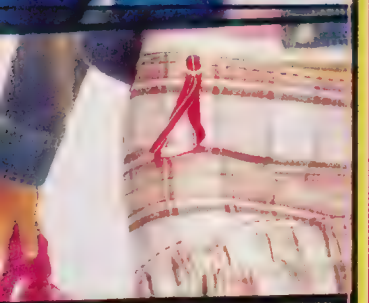

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These Gifts Are on the House

Did you forget to buy a present for a family member? If so, Stinkerbell (the fairy of last-minute holiday gifts) is here to help you. Her bright idea is gift cards (*below*) that generously bestow parts of your house on anyone you forgot to shop for! Carefully tear out the cards along the dotted lines.

To my special sibling, whom I adore...

I never made that trip to the mall...

I love you more than life itself...

"My bro's the tops," I'm apt to utter...

Mom, to me, you're quite a sensation...

There's one thing, Dad, that is for certain...

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Rooms That Rock

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Extreme Makeover: Home Edition **has built new homes for dozens of deserving families around the country. Here's a look at three of the coolest rooms that the design team has created.**

Before arriving at each house, the designers learn as much as possible about each family member–favorite colors, sports, movies, TV shows, and anything else that may help determine the theme for the new bedroom. Once the designers get to the house, they also spend some time with the family. Designer **Michael Moloney** (*above*) told us, "We feel them out. It helps us decide how the room will work. We want them to walk in and love the new room."

Knowing that Duane Johnson (*left*), age 15, of Kansas City, really liked roller coasters gave Michael the idea for this room. He went to a local theme park, took a photo from the top of the roller coaster, and had the picture blown up to create wallpaper. The seats in Duane's room are from a real roller coaster car that is decorated with autographs from four pro football players.

For Duane's sister, G'na (*below*), the reality of having a new house built didn't hit her until the family saw footage of their old house being knocked down last spring. (The Johnsons were sent to Disney World for the week of construction.) "We were just hoping we had a house when we got back!" she said. Her new bedroom has its own bathroom with a spa area, including a pedicure chair that has a massage function.

THEY NAILED IT: G'na celebrated her thirteenth birthday with a spa-themed party. A professional manicurist gave G'na and her friends manicures and pedicures.

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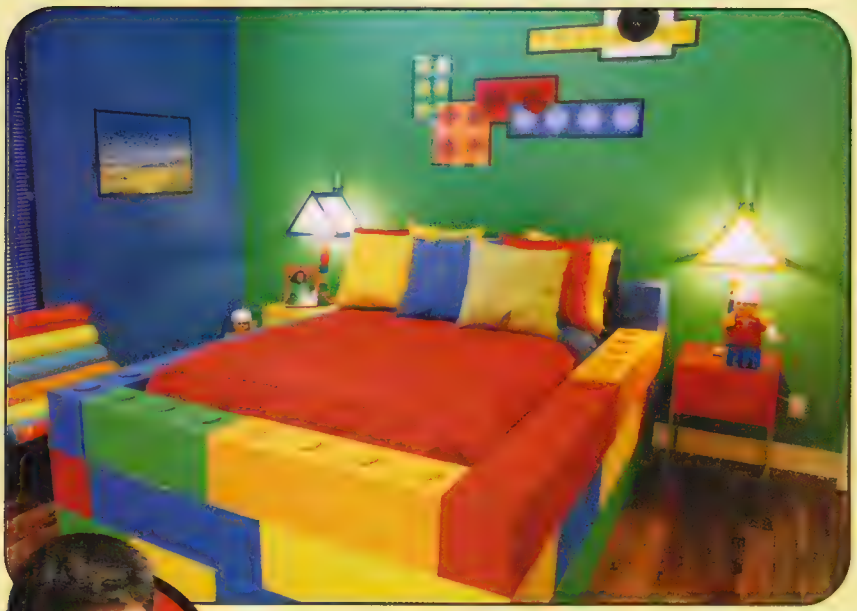
Paul DiMeo (*right*) is another designer on the show. He spends between two and four hours brainstorming a bedroom's details before the physical work begins. "I try to go with the first thing that comes to my mind," he said. "As the week progresses, we may wake up and say, 'Here's another idea,' so then we go ahead and start something else."



Brandon Whiterock loves Legos, and his interest paid off: The seven-year-old's new room in Flagstaff, Arizona, boasts a collection of over a half-million Legos, sorted by color. A total of 28 blocks, built 25 times the size of regular Lego pieces, make up Brandon's new bed. "You can take the bed apart and make a couch," Paul said, "or you can take it apart and make a pyramid. Even as a grown-up, I could live in that room!" ❑

BUILDING BLOCKS: Paul told us his biggest challenge was making each piece look exactly like a Lego piece.

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HOME PRANK KIT

Has your house lost its sense of humor? Use the pranks on the next four pages to bring some hilarity to your home.

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LANDLORD: ..... hereby enters into agreement to rent to
your name

TENANT: ..... the following:
sibling's name

..... one private bedroom ..... one shared bedroom

at .....
your address

This lease shall begin on ..... and remain in effect (check one):
today's date

..... for one year ..... for two years ..... until Tenant goes to college

..... until Landlord kicks Tenant out

TERMS OF LEASE

Monthly rent of $..... in cash is payable to Landlord on the first of each month. In lieu of cash, Tenant may submit the following alternative payment (check all that apply):

..... act as Landlord's spokesperson whenever Landlord gets in trouble
..... do Landlord's homework for the month (work must be of B+ quality or higher)
..... write thank-you notes on Landlord's behalf for a year
..... handle any unwanted calls from family members
..... allow Landlord to win at all video, board, card, and sports games for a year

ADDITIONAL TERMS

1. Alterations

Tenant must obtain Landlord's permission before attaching any posters, personal artwork, photos, or other material to the walls. If Landlord decides at a later date that decorations Tenant has placed on walls are "lame," "corny," or "so 10 minutes ago," Tenant must remove offending items immediately.

2. Tenant responsibilities

Tenant must obtain Landlord's permission before admitting any friends to the room. In the interest of sanitation, friends may be searched for candy, tasty foodstuffs, and unopened beverages, which may then be confiscated by Landlord.

If Tenant owns better music than Landlord, Tenant must agree to play DJ

(OVER)

Tape this public service message on your home computer (not on the screen, though).

Tape this to a couch.

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SIBLING LEASE AGREEMENT (continued)

whenever Landlord asks and to take requests, even if it means playing Landlord's favorite song 15 times in a row.

Tenant must make available to Landlord any clothes, games, music, or other goods that Landlord decides he/she likes and wishes to "borrow."

3. Shared room

If Tenant is sharing a bedroom with Landlord, the following rules also apply:

- Tenant must knock before entering the room and wait outside quietly until Landlord indicates it is okay to enter.
- Landlord shall determine where the dividing line between Tenant's space and Landlord's space is located. This line can be changed at any time, at Landlord's whim. Tenant shall not cross the line except with Landlord's permission. If any of Tenant's possessions end up on Landlord's side of the line, they automatically become the property of Landlord.
- Tenant must listen with rapt attention and, when appropriate, total admiration to any stories Landlord chooses to tell, no matter what the hour, how boring the story, or whatever else Tenant might have to do.
- Tenant must clean his/her side of the room at least every other day and must also clean Landlord's side of the room if a parental complaint is lodged regarding that side of the room.
- When asked to do so, Tenant must face the wall and not look at or speak to Landlord.
- During nighttime hours, Tenant must refrain from snoring, farting, or audible breathing.

4. Landlord responsibilities

None. (Oh, okay. I'll let you read my old issues of *Cracked*.)

5. Eviction

Landlord may evict Tenant for nonpayment of rent, failure to abide by rules of lease, or for unspecified "personal" reasons. Landlord must give Tenant at least 10 minutes' notice before eviction goes into effect.

Signed:

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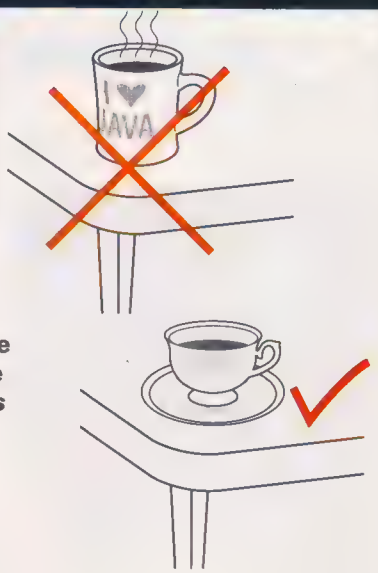

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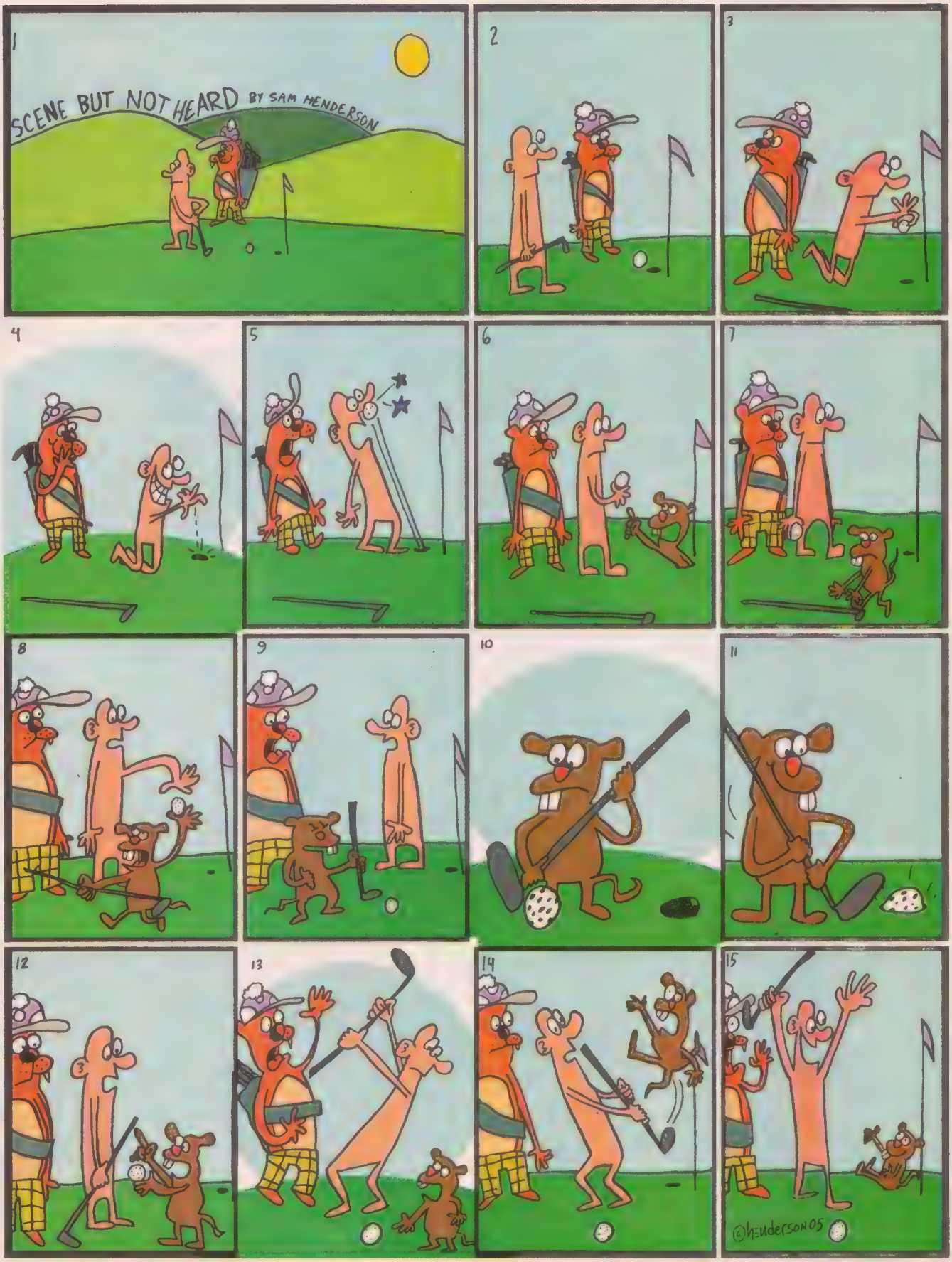
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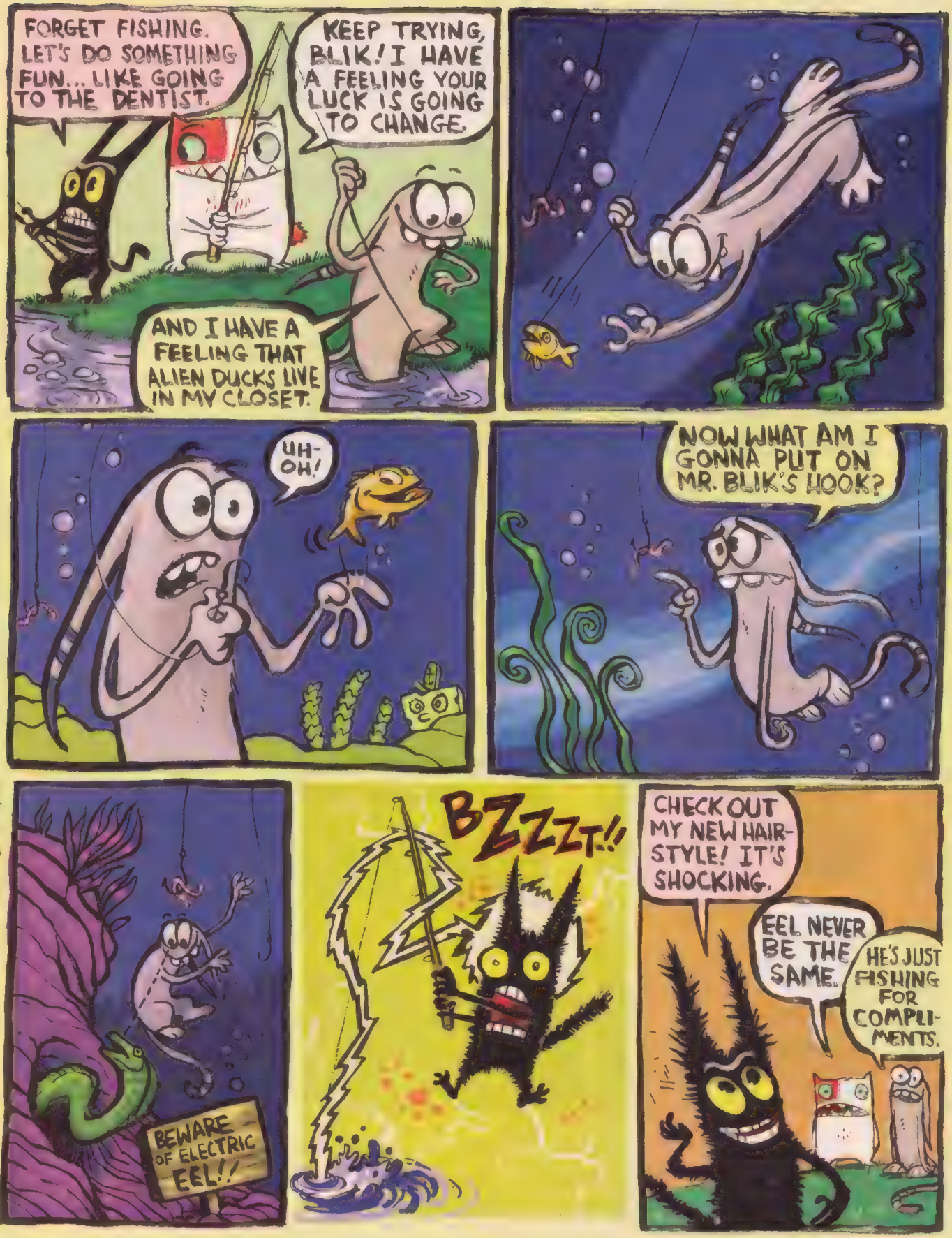

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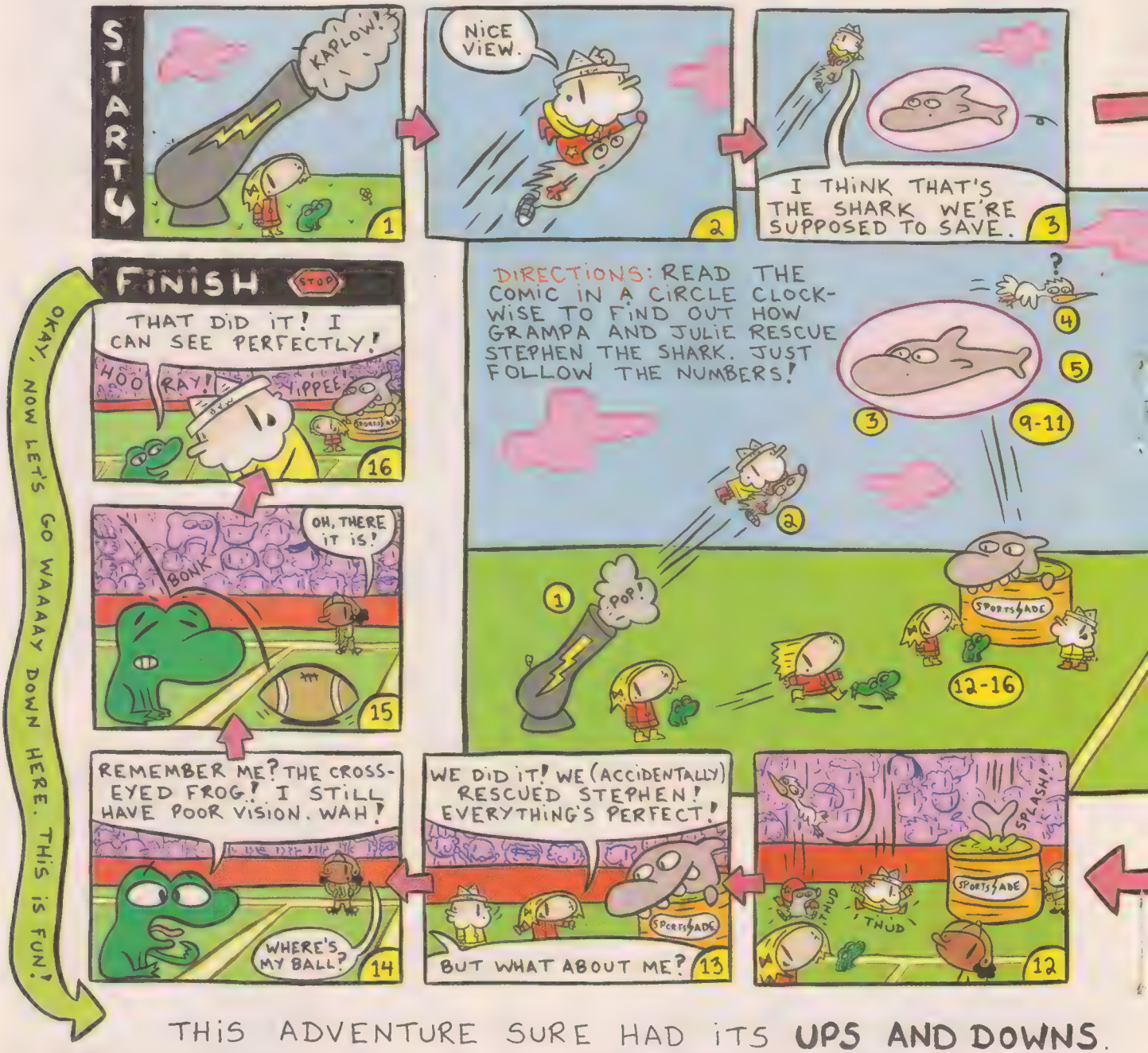

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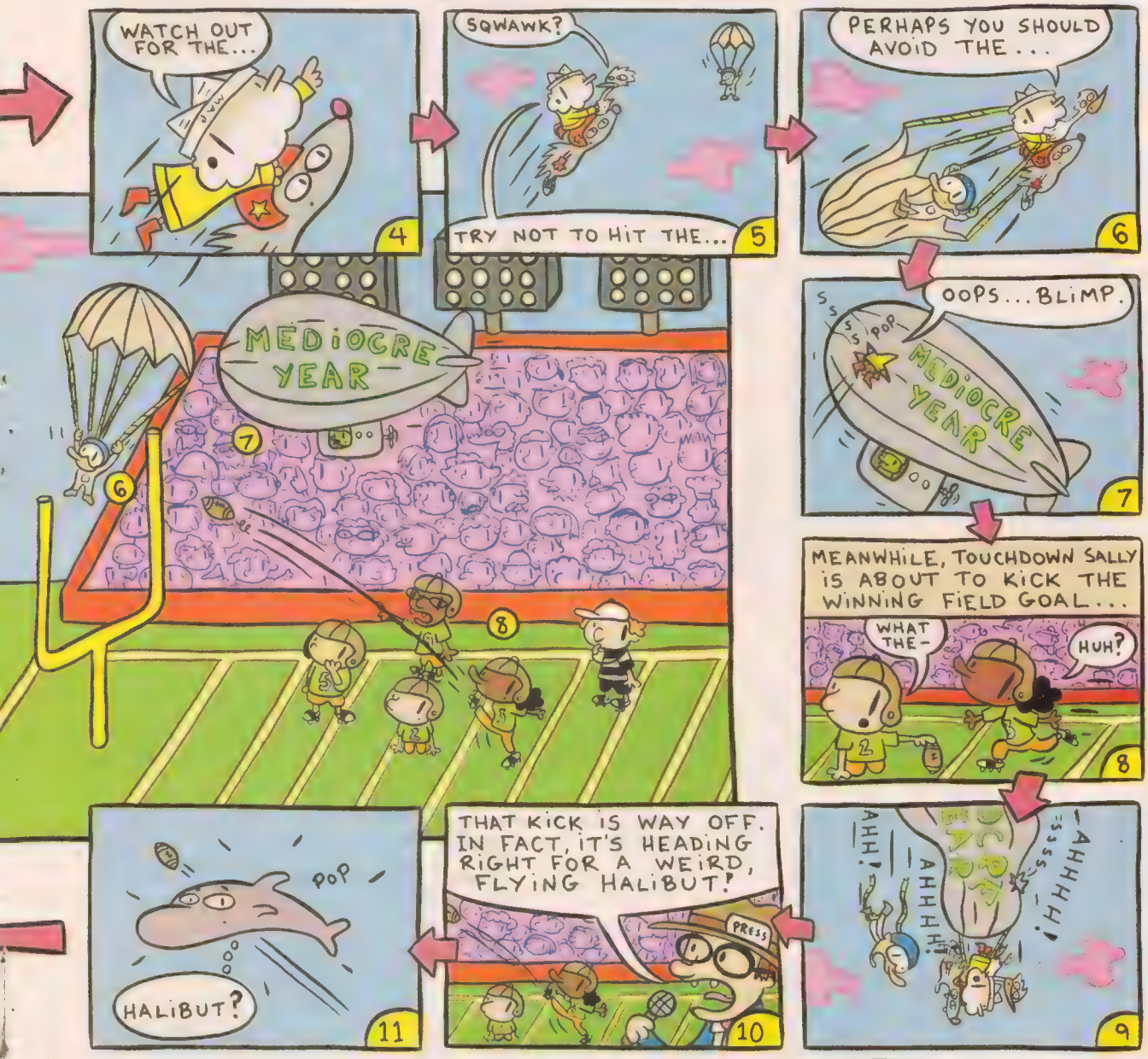

BUT IN THE END, GRAMPA CAME BY IN A FEW MONTHS FOR ANOTHER **HUNTERS**. IT'LL BE A **BLAST!**

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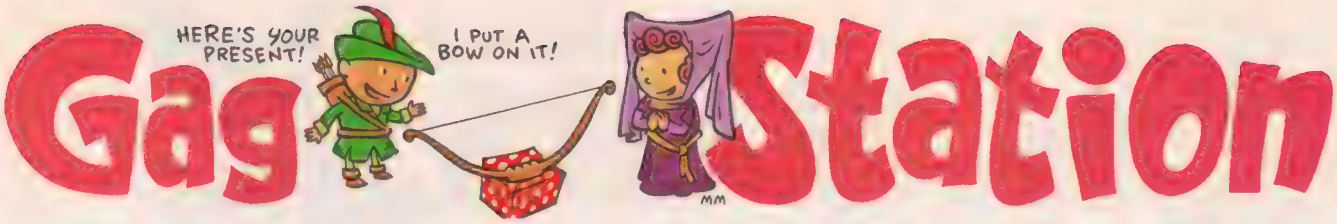

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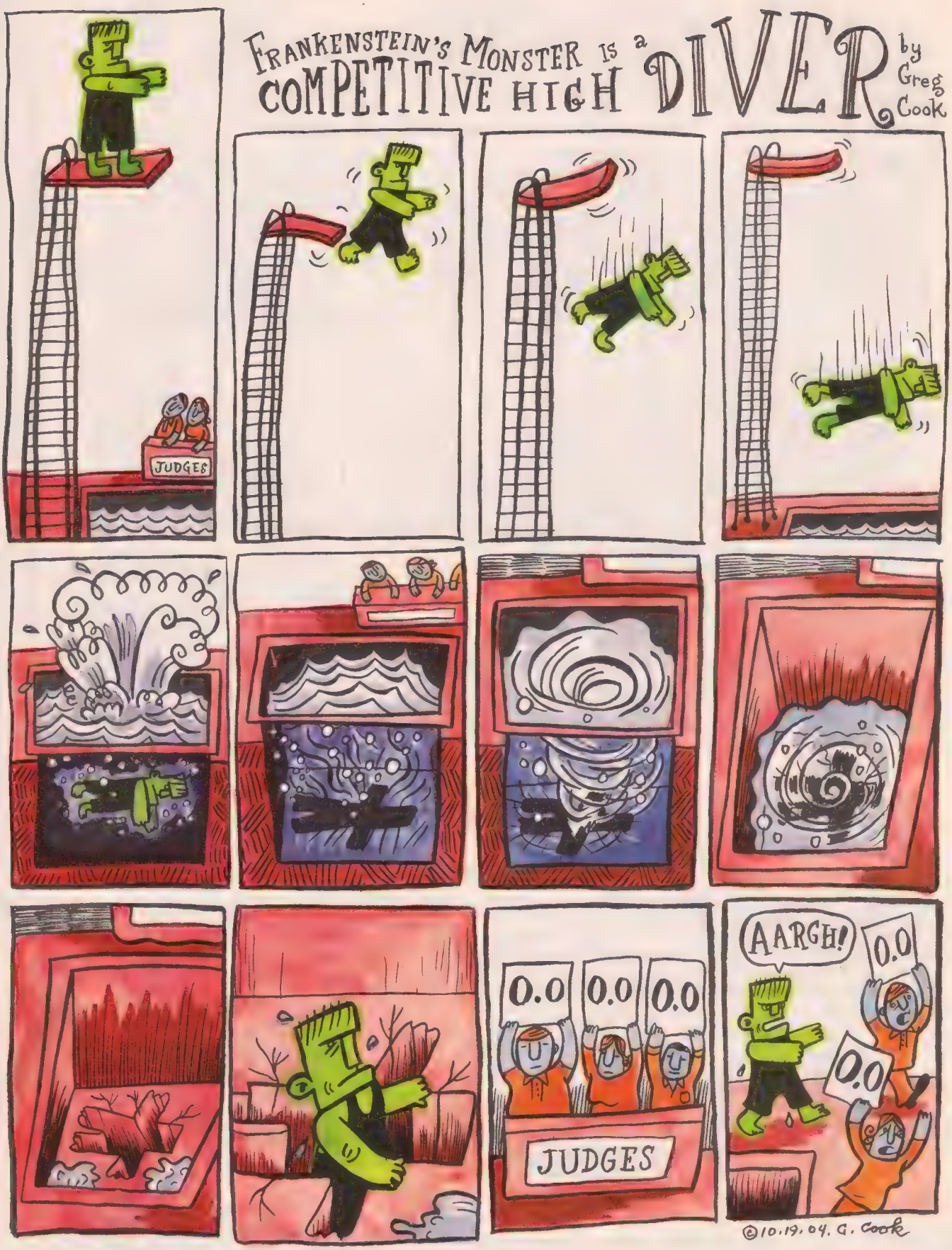

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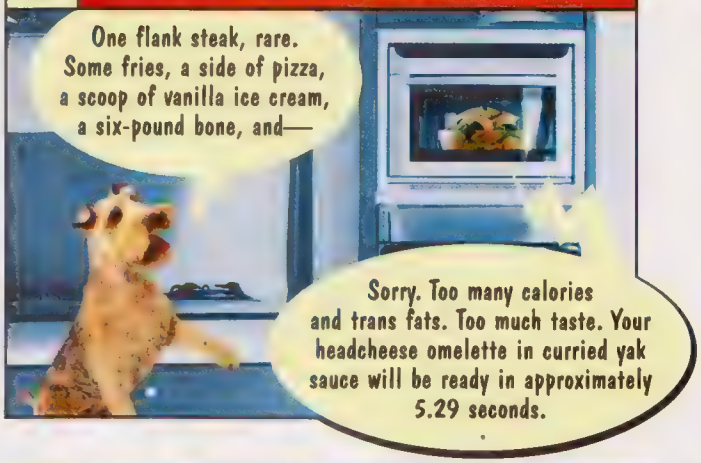
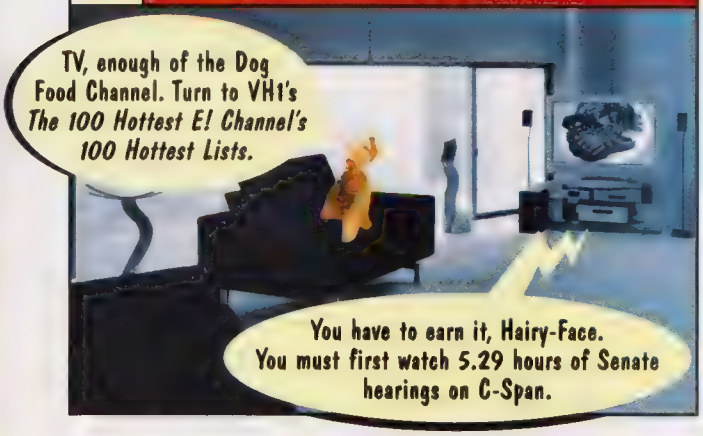
2 All I had to do was tell the kitchen what I wanted to eat and it would cook it. Well, that's what was *supposed* to happen...



3 Reader, I decided I wasn't hungry after all. Then I settled down on my new Relaxa furniture to watch my new TV.

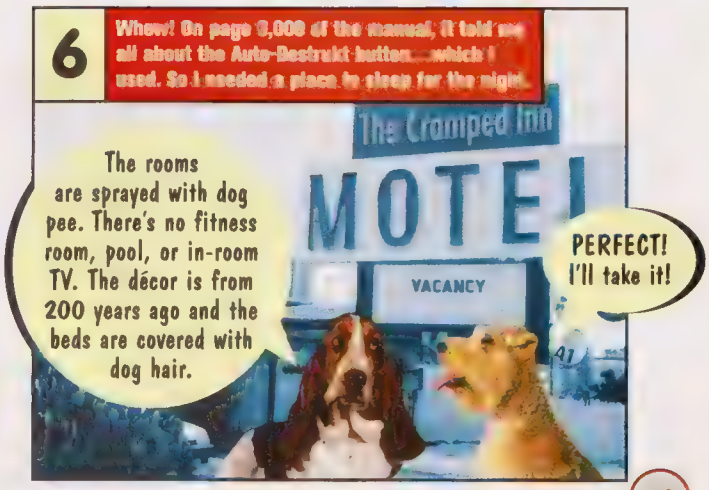


4 That night, I attempted to sleep in the Sensorpedic-3000 bed, which senses everything about my spine, snout, tail, and pancreas and adjusts to them.

That bed wasn't all it was quacked up to be. I hopped off and knew I had to pull the plug on the whole house.

5 Missing my old home, I called Customer Service and gave them a bark.

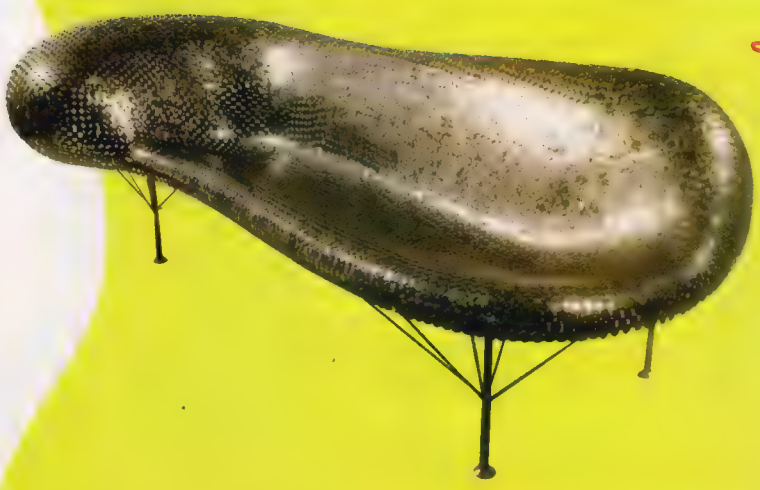
6 Whew! On page 3,000 of the manual, it told me all about the Auto-Destruct button...which I used. So I needed a place to sleep for the night.



HOT SEATS

Real

Anne D. Bernstein was floored when she discovered these out-of-the-ordinary pieces of furniture.



Cents-ible Seating

To make this couch, artist Johnny Swing welded more than 6,500 nickels to a stainless steel frame. He likes using coins because they're easy to get—he just withdraws rolls of nickels from the bank. You'll need more than chump change to buy this couch, though. It costs $29,000.

The *Directory*'s Chair

A 2004 exhibit at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston featured furniture made from discarded books. Stephanie Hartman, a librarian at the school, created this rocking chair out of 98 old campus phone books. The rocker, held together by metal rods, took a month to assemble. It gets our ringing endorsement.

Could he send me one overnight?

Pushing the Envelope

José Avila made most of the furniture for his new apartment in Tempe, Arizona, out of FedEx boxes. Since the computer software engineer uses FedEx frequently, he had hundreds of the packages on hand. José, who has taken some architecture classes, used several dozen boxes to create this couch. He also made a bed, desk, and dining room set. Now *that's* thinking outside the box. ❑

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Answer on page 105.

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DARKEST FAERIE ESCAPES!

Underwater Prison Apparently Not Air-Tight

The world of Neopia awoke yesterday to what many believe to be the most significant threat yet to its tranquil way of life. It appears that the Darkest Faerie has mysteriously returned. Local fishermen reportedly saw the water churn and bubble as dark purple storm clouds brewed above the underwater area where she was believed to have been held.

Imprisoned more than a thousand years ago by Queen Fyora, the Darkest Faerie was to remain captive for all eternity. When asked how she could have escaped, a source close to King Skarl declined to comment. The source did, however, assure anxious citizens that defending the Kingdom of Meridell from the darkest of evils is of the utmost importance.

Story continued on page A5

Minions Can't Halt Local Heroine

Hope of Neopia Lies in Very Small Hands

While in Faerieland to meet with Queen Fyora about the likely cause of the purple clouds materialising over Neopia, a young Acara named Roberta encountered evil itself.

At 2:30 a.m., she was awakened by a flash of lightning. Darting from her room, Roberta encountered a fleet of nightmarish minions flying throughout the palace.

Far from merely witnessing the chaos, Roberta used her wand and spellcasting energies to bravely rescue a peasant.

According to unnamed sources, the peasant was being interrogated by the Darkest Faerie herself.

Roberta claims that she was forced to fend off multiple minion attacks before she could narrowly escape with her Uni friend, Solarin.

Young Lupe Brave Beyond His Years Thuggish Highwaymen Sent Scurrying

One Lupe's simple trip to deliver a package turned out to be a lifesaving event for a local beggar yesterday, after the unnamed pauper was set upon by thieves.

It was at that moment that a young Lupe named Tormund, who was on his way to Meridell to deliver a package, heard the beggar's cries and sprang to his aid.

When asked why he decided to engage the highwaymen alone, with only a wooden sword and a power-up attack, Tormund replied without hesitation. "I don't know; I guess it just came naturally," he said.

Grateful for the young hero's display of courage, the beggar rewarded Tormund with what he claimed to be a magical amulet.

Eyewitness to Adventure

Whether it be battling Slorgs, plant monsters, Spyders, and raiders, or Sludgies, ghosts, and skeletons, I've seen it all. Brightvale Castle, Shadowglen Woods, and the swamp are all battlegrounds now between good and evil.

While climbing the walls of Meridell and Faerieland, I witnessed scenes of utter chaos as Neopia's heroes battled with all they had. It's no longer a question of whether we are under attack; the question now is who will be brave enough to save us from this darkest of evils?

Sweet Feat

Real How Candy Canes Are Made

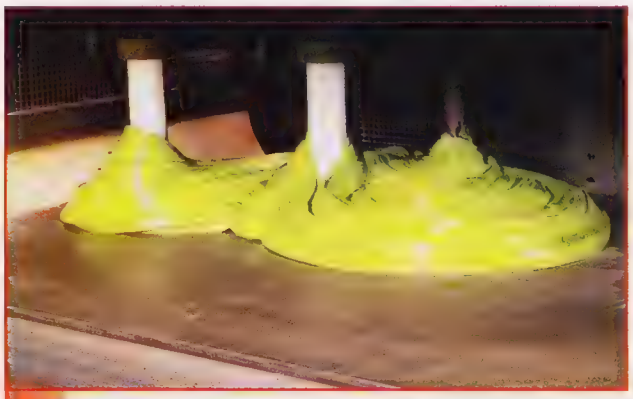
We sent sweet-talking Robin Amber to the Spangler Candy Company in Bryan, Ohio, to find out how candy canes are made.

1 A FINE KETTLE OF GOO

The process starts in the kitchen. First, sugar and corn syrup are cooked together in a giant kettle at 285°F. Here, one of the cooks, Chris, tips a 100-pound batch out onto a cooling slab.

2 ALL MIXED UP

It takes three separate batches of the sugary mixture to make candy canes. The cooks have already added peppermint flavor to the batch shown here, which will be the white part of the canes. They'll add red and green color to two other batches to make the colored parts. Each is then moved into a mixer (*above*), where mechanical arms push and pull the huge blob, blending in the flavor or color.



3 AIR TIME

Next, each batch goes into the puller, which drops two posts into the mixture and adds air by pulling it back and forth. The added air cools the goo down and causes it to change from a clear color to a cloudier one, as with the green batch shown here.

4 IN GOOD FORM

Once each batch is fully pulled, it is moved to a batch former (*left*), where two heated rollers shape the candy into logs. The white part of the cane is made into a log about two feet long and 18 inches in diameter. The colored parts are shaped into smaller, longer logs.

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5 PIECES OF RIBBONS

Here, Charles, one of the cooks, has moved two 10-pound logs of the colored candy from the batch formers to a heated table. He smoothes them out into flat ribbons and cuts each one in half.

6 CANDY STRIPERS

Another cook, Lee, helps Charles heave a white log onto the table. They add one stripe of color to each of four sides of the log. The candy is so hot that the stripes stick right away. Then the cooks move the 120-pound striped log into a batch roller.

7 THE DOWNWARD SPIRAL

The batch roller (*left*) feeds the log past a series of pairs of wheels that squeeze it into a long, thin rope, like a big line of striped toothpaste (*below*). Next, the rope passes through a twister, which twists the stripes. Then it goes to a cutter, which cuts the pieces to the proper length.

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8

TASTE TEST

Candy spinners, like Sandra (*left*), check the canes' quality. They pull warm samples from each batch and taste them to make sure that the flavoring is correct. Sandra tastes 22 candy canes a day.

Are you hiring?

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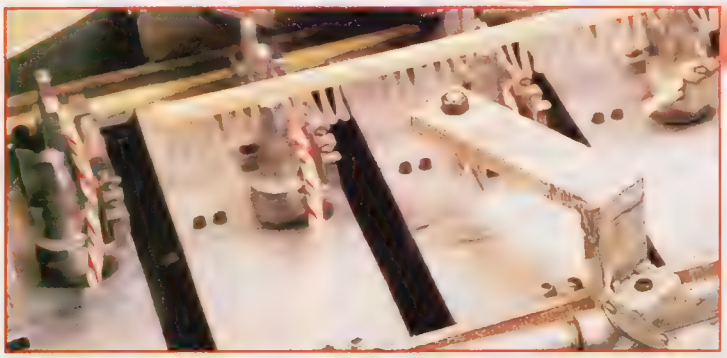
THAT'S A WRAP

If the cane tastes good, the cut candy passes through the wrapper and sealer (*left*) before it cools off. Then it moves to the crooker.



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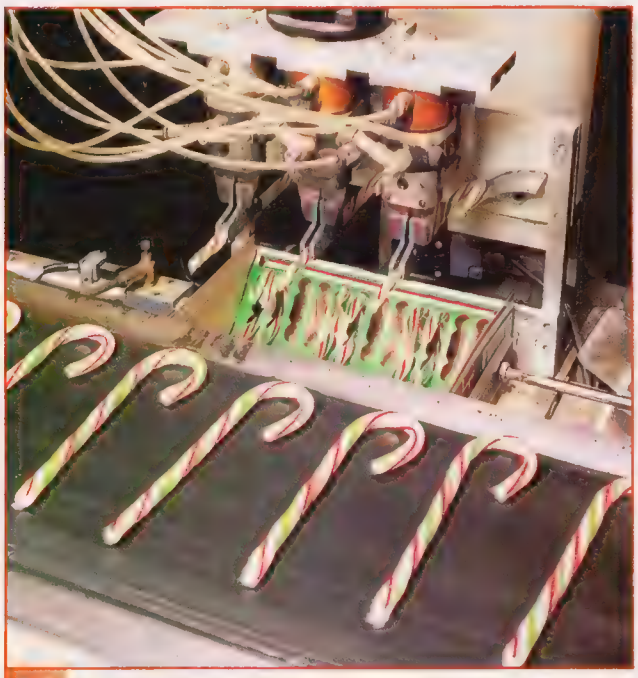
BY HOOK OR BY CROOK

The crooker adds the crook, or curve, to the top of the still-warm canes by passing a metal arm along the top of each stick and bending the crook into place. Then the canes make a long journey along a conveyor belt, where they cool off and harden into shape.



11 PACKING THEM IN

Machines check the canes for the correct shape and size, pick them up three at a time, and pack them into boxes.

12

COMING SOON TO A MOUTH NEAR YOU

The filled boxes move along a conveyor belt past human inspectors for a final quality check. The boxes are wrapped in plastic, labeled, and packed in larger boxes. Then they're moved to a warehouse to be shipped to stores… and you. ❑

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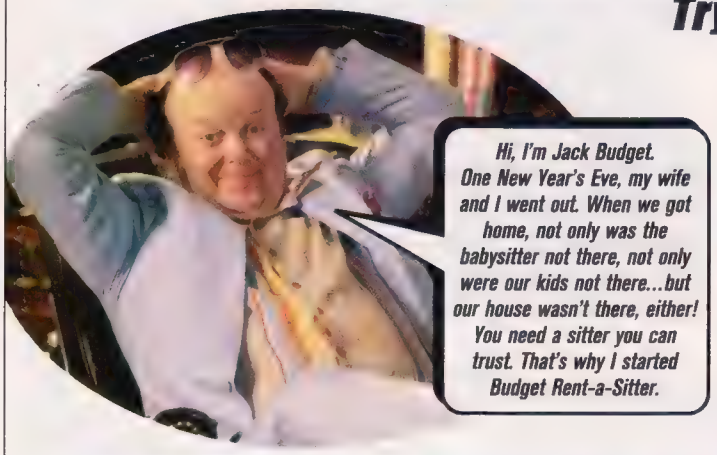

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Teeny Weeny Holiday Decoration

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Here's a holiday decoration featuring Teeny Weeny, the Tiniest Hot Dog in the Universe (as seen in our Comic Book section). Here he's on a snowy mountain with friends, and on the other side, he's exchanging holiday gifts. Decide which side you'd like to use, then follow the steps below. When you're finished, hang your decoration on a tree or display it on a mantel or table.

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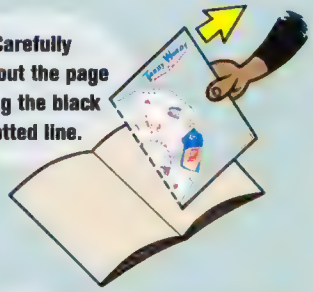

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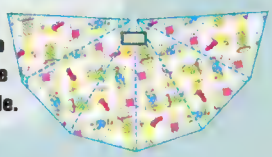

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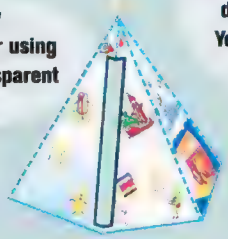
5. Carefully seal it together using a piece of transparent tape.



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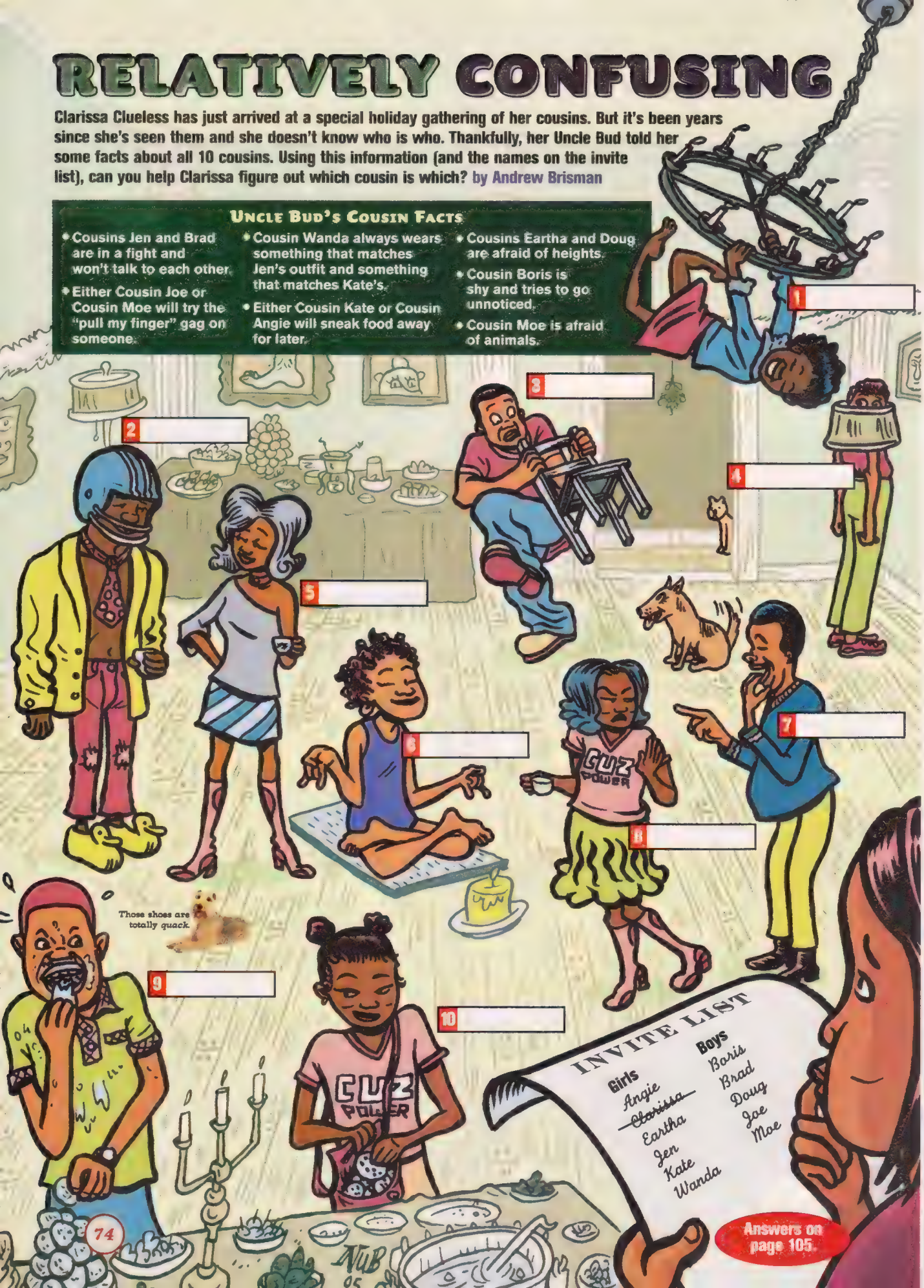
RELATIVELY CONFUSING

Clarissa Clueless has just arrived at a special holiday gathering of her cousins. But it's been years since she's seen them and she doesn't know who is who. Thankfully, her Uncle Bud told her some facts about all 10 cousins. Using this information (and the names on the invite list), can you help Clarissa figure out which cousin is which? by Andrew Brisman

Uncle Bud's Cousin Facts

- Cousins Jen and Brad are in a fight and won't talk to each other.
- Either Cousin Joe or Cousin Moe will try the "pull my finger" gag on someone.
- Cousin Wanda always wears something that matches Jen's outfit and something that matches Kate's.
- Either Cousin Kate or Cousin Angie will sneak food away for later.
- Cousins Eartha and Doug are afraid of heights.
- Cousin Boris is shy and tries to go unnoticed.
- Cousin Moe is afraid of animals.



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Narnia Roars

Real

We spoke with the actors who play Lucy, Peter, and Edmund Pevensie about what it was like to be on the set of the new movie *The Chronicles of Narnia: The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.*

Georgie Henley plays Lucy Pevensie.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: You have older sisters, so did you understand what it was like for Lucy as the youngest?
GEORGIE HENLEY: Yes, it was quite familiar.

How did you make yourself cry for sad scenes?
It's very hard crying in front of cameras, even if you *do* feel sad. But Anna Popplewell [who plays Susan, Lucy's sister] and I would talk about a lot of [sad] stuff. By the end of filming this one sad scene—which took three days—Anna and I had cried about six swimming pools of tears!

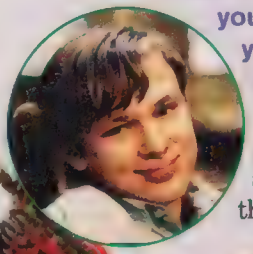
Many of the creatures, like Aslan the lion, were added later as computer effects. Were there stand-ins used during filming?
Yes. Most of the CGI [computer-generated image] characters, such as Aslan, were just a piece of green tape on a stick. It was hard to be emotional about them! But in some scenes, they used a huge, robotic lion, which could blink and look at us. That made acting easier.

What's your favorite creature from the movie?
My favorite bad creatures are the minotaurs—they're just so big and hefty and really bad. And of the good creatures, I like the fauns. They're so cute and melancholy but also good in battle. And I also like the griffins because they're really majestic and lovely.

What was your favorite of all the costumes?
I liked my coronation outfit because it was really grand and beautiful. I also liked the costume that I wore when I went to see Mr. Tumnus. And I liked my everyday Narnia dress. I can't really choose!

Do you ever wish your life were anything like Lucy's?
I do wish I had a magic healing potion like she does. It would make life a lot easier. But I'm fine with being, you know, Georgie.

William Moseley plays Peter Pevensie.



NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: Like Peter, you're the oldest in your family. Are you naturally good at bossing around siblings?
WILLIAM MOSELEY: Yes. I'm sure both of my siblings would agree that I'm pretty good at it.

SUITED UP: The director, Andrew Adamson (*left*) and William Moseley (Peter Pevensie) prepare for the next shot.

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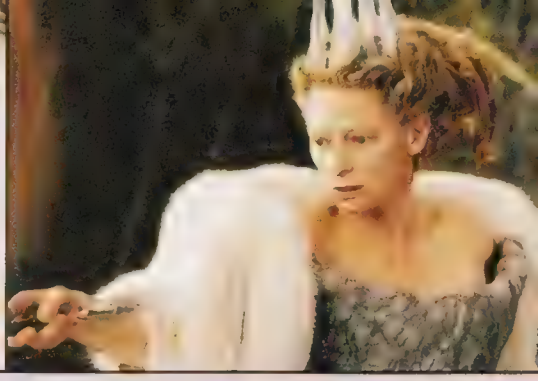


UNDER HER SPELL: The White Witch (Tilda Swinton) works her icy magic on Edmund (Skandar Keynes).

He's in fur some trouble.

Have you seen yourself in the video game version of the movie?
Yes, I did the voice-over for it. And it does look a lot like me, which is really weird. I'm sure the first thing my brother will do is just start killing me over and over again. He'll see how many times he can kill me in an hour.

Skandar Keynes plays Edmund Pevensie.

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: What would be scarier in real life, a real witch or a talking lion?
SKANDAR KEYNES: I'm gonna go with the witch because a witch might actually feed me Turkish delight. It's this sort of jelly-like candy that's coated in icing. I had to eat so much of it in the movie. The first take of the scene where the White Witch gives it to me was great, but after thirty-five takes of eating a piece of candy the size of your fist, you get sick.

Did you eat it for any other scenes?
For the coronation scene, I had to eat another twenty. Georgie only had one and she was almost sick. I thought, *Welcome to my world.*

Did you prank anyone on the set?
Yes, Philip Steuer, the executive producer, who is really laid-back and cool. He'd be sitting there in his big chair and I'd come up behind him and zap him in the sides and watch him jump. It was so funny!

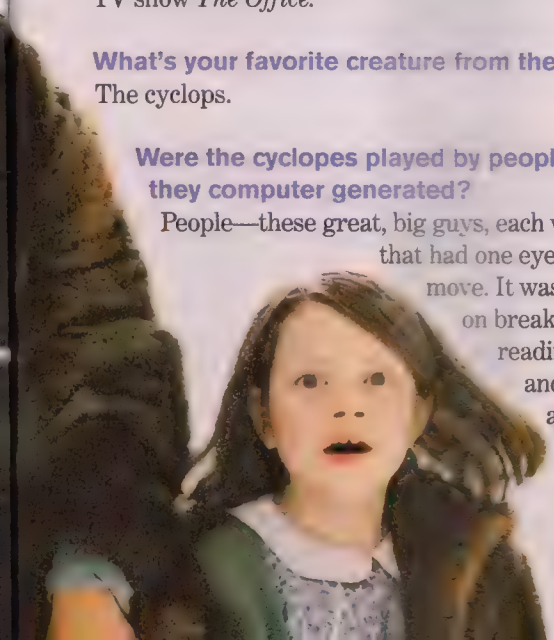
Did anybody ever prank you back?
Yes. The director, Andrew Adamson, and a bunch of other people. Andrew told me that I had to dance in an upcoming scene. So I was taught these really weird dances in front of everyone with a confusing little green creature with lots of feathers. And they secretly filmed it! I made a complete fool out of myself. They might put it on the DVD.

Peter fights with a sword and a shield. How heavy was the sword?
There were different kinds: steel, aluminum, and rubber. During battle scenes I'd use the aluminum ones because they were light and easy to maneuver and they didn't bounce like the rubber swords.

What was the hardest scene for you to film?
When I had to give a great smile at the end of the film. I was really awkward and self-conscious. I had to ask one of the makeup girls to recite funny lines from the TV show *The Office.*

What's your favorite creature from the movie?
The cyclops.

Were the cyclopes played by people or were they computer generated?
People—these great, big guys, each wearing a mask that had one eye, which could move. It was amazing. And on breaks, they'd be reading their books and chatting about what they did over the weekend.



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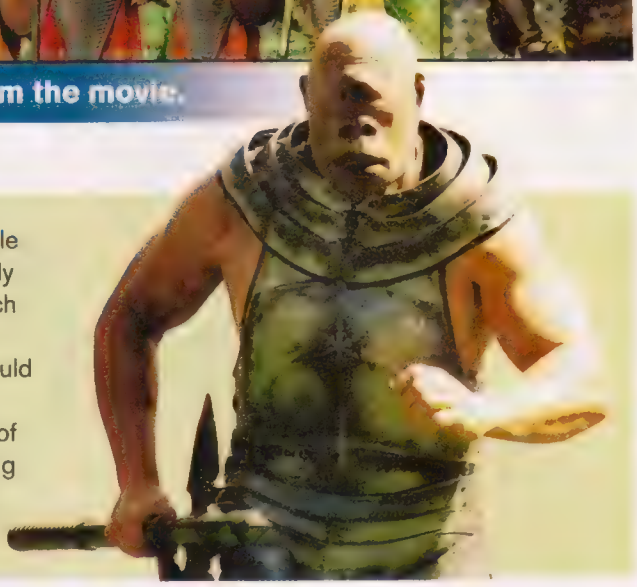
Narnia Roars In

Here are some behind-the-scenes secrets from the movie.

Cyclops

The White Witch's evil cyclops warriors are a good example of how the film's special effects team avoided using costly computer-generated effects to make Narnia's creatures. Each huge actor who played a cyclops was fitted with a remote-controlled mechanical head that contained a big eye that could move and blink. Because the actors were essentially blind while wearing the heads, they had to memorize the number of steps they needed to take in any direction. The actors playing background cyclopes wore nonmechanical heads and were able to see out of the mouth in each mask.



Mr. Tumnus

Actor James McAvoy spent three and a half hours in the makeup chair every morning to transform into the half-human, half-goat faun, Mr. Tumnus. First, makeup artists slicked back his real hair and fitted him with a skullcap with remote-controlled mechanical ears. Then they added a wig and facial hair. After dressing James in special fur pants, they glued even more hair all over his body. Lastly, all of the hair was curled, waved, and heavily hairsprayed. (Each daily makeup session required about $5,000 of real human hair.) Once James's hair was done, makeup artists glued on a delicate nose to slightly change the shape of his real nose. The only computer-generated part of Mr. Tumnus's costume was his cloven feet.

Snow

Though filmmakers did capture some real snow footage in the Czech Republic, they shot most of the movie using fake snow in a makeshift studio made out of an old horse-riding ring in New Zealand. A company called Snow Business provided fake falling snow, background snow, and fine snow for close-ups. ❑

ALL *WHITE* NOW: The crew hoses the forest set with fake snow.

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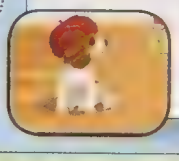
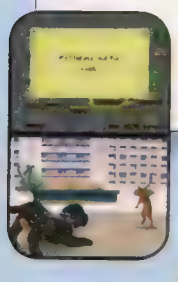


Tip #2 Listen for the bark

If you're in Bark Mode and you hear a bark, it means another player is within wireless range, and your pups can play together!



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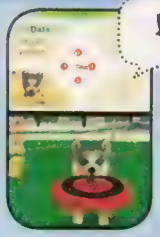

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The winning video games and characters will be announced in our May 2006 issue. Thanks for voting!

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Place your votes by checking one box in each category.

Best Game of the Year

- ○ Crash Tag Team Racing
- ○ Pokémon XD: Gale of Darkness
- ○ Sly 3: Honor Among Thieves
- ○ We ♥ Katamari

Best Handheld Game of the Year

- ○ Burnout Legends
- ○ Fire Emblem: The Sacred Stones
- ○ The Legend of Zelda: The Minish Cap
- ○ Nintendogs

Best Sports Game

- ○ Gran Turismo 4
- ○ Madden NFL 06
- ○ NBA 2K6
- ○ NBA Street V3

Best Game Based on a Movie or TV Show

- ○ Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire
- ○ LEGO Star Wars
- ○ Madagascar
- ○ SpongeBob SquarePants: Lights, Camera, Pants!

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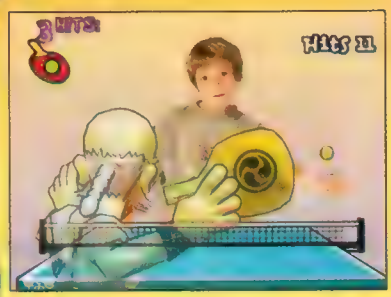
Coolest Game Idea

- Donkey Kong Jungle Beat
- EyeToy: Play 2
- Nintendogs
- WarioWare: Twisted!

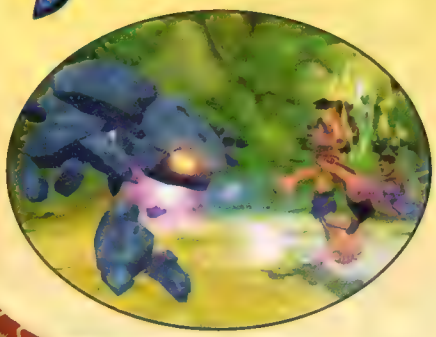


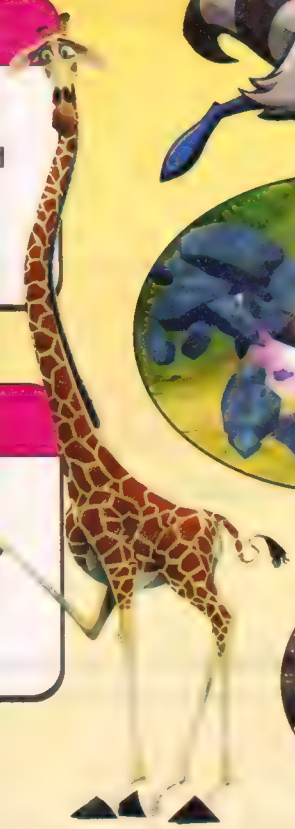
Best Character

- Crash Bandicoot from Crash Tag Team Racing
- King of All Cosmos from We ♥ Katamari
- Sly Cooper from Sly 3: Honor Among Thieves
- Wario from WarioWare: Twisted!

Baddest Boss

- Dr. M from Sly 3: Honor Among Thieves
- The Champion of the Pokémon League from Pokémon Emerald
- Vaati from The Legend of Zelda: The Minish Cap
- Venom from Ultimate Spider-Man





Weirdest Weapon

- Eggs in Tak: The Great Juju Challenge
- Exploding sheep in Worms: Forts Under Siege!
- Melman's sneeze attack in Madagascar
- Shrek's Green Storm farts in Shrek SuperSlam

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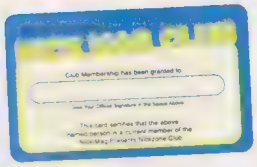

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4 Peppermint Particular #1 Peppermint flavor comes from the oil of the leaves of the peppermint plant.	5 National Communicate With Your Kids Day **Be careful, your parents may try to IM you.**	6	7	8 Teri Hatcher, actress, born, 1964 **Was she a *Desperate Housebaby?***	9 Tre Cool, drummer for Green Day, born, 1972 **He was Tre Tiny back then.**	10 The world's first traffic lights begin operating in London, England, 1868 **They got the green light.**
11 James L. Kraft, inventor of processed cheese, born, 1874 **He must have been extra sharp.**	12 Peppermint Particular #2 One pound of peppermint oil can flavor about 40,000 sticks of gum, or 1,000 to 1,500 tubes of toothpaste.	13 Jamie Foxx, actor, born, 1967 **He was a *Ray* of light.**	14 Craig Biggio, baseball player hit by the most pitches, born, 1965 **Does he get Band-Aids for his birthday presents?**	15 Canada adopts its national flag, a red maple leaf on a white background, 1964 **We would have preferred maple syrup.**	16	17 The *Nutcracker* ballet is first performed, 1892 **We get the *pointe.***
18 Kiefer Sutherland, actor, born, 1966 **Will he be celebrating for *24* hours?**	19 Jake Gyllenhaal, actor, born, 1980 **Deck the *haals.***	20	21 The first day of winter **Just chill today.**	22 Ralph Fiennes, actor, born, 1962 **He wasn't the baby who could not be named.**	23 Peppermint Particular #3 Candy canes were invented in Germany in the late 1600s. They were all white and didn't have a peppermint flavor.	24 Christmas Eve **Make way for the sleigh.**
25 Conrad Hilton, founder of the Hilton Hotel chain, born, 1887 **He checked in today.** Christmas Day Hanukkah begins	26 Peppermint Particular #4 Candy canes first got their red stripes and peppermint flavor around 1900. Kwanzaa begins	27 The play *Peter Pan* debuts, 1904 **Fans were *Hooked.***	28 Peppermint Particular #5 The word *mint* comes from Minthe, a nymph in Greek mythology who was turned into a plant as a punishment.	29	30 The U.S. buys parts of southern Arizona and New Mexico from Mexico in the Gadsden Purchase, 1853 ***Muchas gracias.***	31 Make Up Your Mind Day **You can always change it tomorrow.** New Year's Eve

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January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day **Start breaking your resolutions today.**	**2** #1 The Truth in Black & White Penguins live only in the Southern Hemisphere. Some are at the South Pole; some live in tropical areas.	**3** Wind Cave National Park in South Dakota is established, 1903 **Be our *gust*.**	**4** Isaac Newton, scientist who first explained gravity, born, 1642 **What's up?**	**5**	**6** #2 The Truth in Black & White There are 17 species of penguins, including the chinstrap, the rockhopper, the macaroni, and the king.	**7** The first U.S. presidential election is held, 1789 **By George, Washington won!**
8 At 14, Bobby Fischer becomes the youngest winner of the U.S. Chess Championship, 1958 **Did he get a big *check, mate*?**	**9** Mat Hoffman, BMX bike racer, born, 1972 **Soon he became a big wheel.**	**10**	**11** Mary J. Blige, singer, born, 1971 **She wants no drama on her birthday.**	**12** #3 The Truth in Black & White Penguins don't fly, but they're great swimmers. Some species spend 75 percent of their lives at sea.	**13**	**14** Penguin Awareness Day in Point Pleasant Beach, New Jersey ***Waddle* they do to celebrate?**
15 The first Super Bowl is played, 1967. **It kicked off today.**	**16** Martin Luther King Jr. Day	**17** Jim Carrey, actor, born, 1962 **This was not an unfortunate event.**	**18** Ray Dolby, inventor of Dolby Surround Sound, born, 1933 **He was the newest speaker of the house.**	**19**	**20** #4 The Truth in Black & White Penguins have more feathers than most other birds do—about 70 feathers per square inch.	**21** Squirrel Appreciation Day **Go nuts.**
22 #5 The Truth in Black & White Penguins' eyes are adapted for underwater vision. Out of the water, they are nearsighted.	**23** Robert Morris becomes the first person convicted of spreading a computer virus, 1990 **Did he find prison tough to hack?**	**24**	**25** William Colgate, founder of the Colgate Soap Company, born, 1783 **He must've been *showered* with presents.**	**26** #6 The Truth in Black & White The average lifespan of a penguin is 15 to 20 years.	**27** Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, composer, born, 1756 **Howl for Wolfgang.**	**28** Ice Fest begins in Ligonier, Pennsylvania **It'll be a *freeze*-for-all.**
29 Kansas becomes the 34th state, 1861 **There were lots of oohs and *Oz*.**	**30**	**31** Justin Timberlake, singer, born, 1981 **This *justifies* a celebration.**				

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Happy Nicktoons Year!

These Nicktoons stars told us their New Year's resolutions for 2006.

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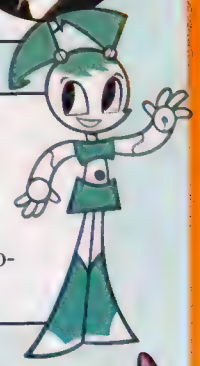
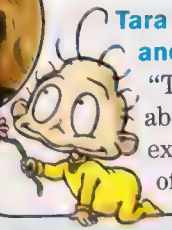
Wayne Knight, voice of Mr. Blik
"To definitely eat less possum."

Carolyn Lawrence, voice of Sandy Cheeks and Cindy Vortex
"My New Year's resolution is to spend more time with my family and friends. Perhaps it's a bit boring, but it's true!"



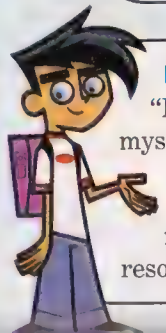
Janice Kawaye, voice of Jenny Wakeman
"Some of my resolutions include eating good foods and exercising regularly. I'm going to continue to help find good homes for stray and rescue dogs, and support causes that save and protect animals and the Earth."

Rob Paulsen, voice of Jack Fenton and Carl Wheezer
"My New Year's resolution is to keep finding nice people to pay me for what used to get me in trouble in high school—making funny voices."



Tara Strong, voice of Timmy Turner and Dil Pickles
"To eat *more* junk food! I am so careful about everything that I eat, even though I exercise every day. I am a vegetarian and most of my food is green. It's junk food time!"

Tom Kenny, voice of SpongeBob SquarePants
"In 2006, I want to do my best to be a force for positive change in the U.S. and on the Earth. If that proves to be too difficult, I want to rearrange my sock drawer. But I think New Year's resolutions are private. They're promises you break to yourself."



David Kaufman, voice of Danny Phantom
"My New Year's resolution is to not be so hard on myself when things don't go perfectly. Danny Fenton is far from perfect, but he usually trusts that things will work out in the long run. That attitude makes life a *lot* easier. So, in a sense, my New Year's resolution is to be more like Danny!"

In Their Elements

The creators of *Avatar: The Last Airbender,* Bryan Konietzko (*far right*) and Mike DiMartino (*near right*), met in 1995 in art school in Rhode Island. Since then, they have worked together on many shows, including *King of the Hill* and *Family Guy.* Bryan was also the art director for *Invader Zim.* They chatted with us about *Avatar.*

NICKELODEON MAGAZINE: You are both in charge, but who does what?

BRYAN KONIETZKO: I spend most of my day doing art direction—working with color, background painting, background design, character design, and prop design. Mike spends most of his day with our writing staff.

Have the characters changed much since you first came up with them?

MIKE DIMARTINO: They've definitely developed a lot. We originally had a different idea for Sokka's personality: He was going to be much more low-key. But Jack De Sena [the voice of Sokka and a cast member on *All That*] brought a great liveliness to the role, so we started writing toward that strength.

Sokka

Katara

Aang

Aang ten!

What bending skill from the show would you like to have?

MIKE: I would go for the air scooter—to be able to balance on top of a little ball of wind that acts like a top and zips around.

BRYAN: I would like the glider—to be able to control wind currents.

Which nation do each of you identify with most?

MIKE: I'd be with the Airbenders just because it's the peaceful and nomadic culture.

BRYAN: I'm sorry to say that I would probably be with the Fire Nation. ❑

Prince Zuko

The season finale of *Avatar: The Last Airbender* airs this December. Check nick.com for details.

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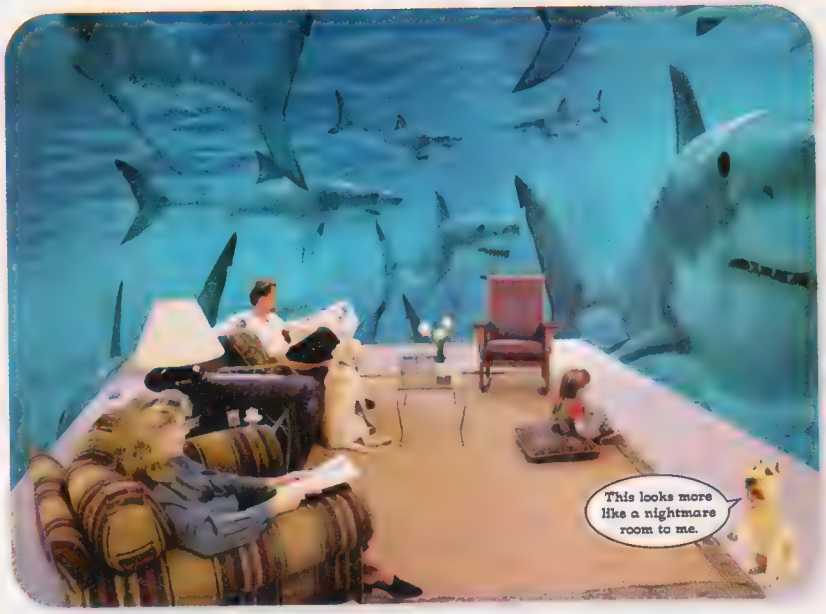

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1. **Pick one room to design. Think of how you would make it incredible.**
2. **Describe the room in words or draw it (or do both).**
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The Cheat Is On

If one of these new video games turns up as your holiday gift, use these tips to help you out—or try some codes to make the game funnier (if you think chickens are funny, that is).

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The Incredibles: Rise of the Underminer

For GameCube, PS2, Xbox, PC, DS, and GBA

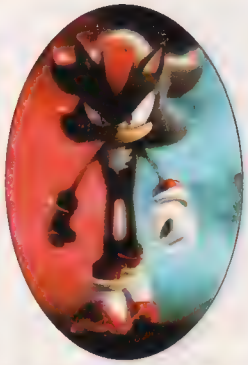
★ In the GameCube, PS2, Xbox, and PC versions, go to the Secrets menu and enter these codes:

To give Mr. Incredible 1,000 Experience Points, enter *MRIPROF.*
To give Frozone 1,000 Experience Points, enter *FROZPROF.*
To give Mr. Incredible a Super Move, enter *MRIBOOM.*
To give Frozone a Super Move, enter *FROZBOOM.*

Shadow the Hedgehog

For GameCube, PS2, and Xbox

★ There are five keys hidden in each stage of the game. If you collect them all, you will unlock a secret door that leads to a special surprise. (To give you a head start, you'll find the first key in Westopolis, the first level of the game. It's hidden a little bit before the second save point, to the right of the dash panel.)



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Shrek SuperSlam

For GameCube, PS2, Xbox, DS, and GBA

★ In a three- or four-person battle, try to slam more than one opponent at a time. If you have a choice between two opponents to slam, focus on the one who has the most slams—you'll gain a slam, and he or she will lose one.

★ If you're having trouble getting your slam to connect with an opponent, try throwing your opponent first and then slamming him or her while he or she is stunned.

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Crash Tag Team Racing

For GameCube, PS2, Xbox, and PSP

The three cheats below are for the GameCube, PS2, and Xbox versions of the game. To enter a cheat, go to the Crash Tag Team Racing title screen. Hold down the L and R triggers on GameCube and Xbox, or L1 and R1 on PS2, and then press the four-button sequence given. You'll hear a short chime, which means that the cheat has been activated.

★ Give all the characters (except for the main characters and drones) a chicken for a head just by entering ✕, ○, ○, □ on PS2, and A, B, B, X on GameCube and Xbox. If you then hit the character with a spin attack, the chicken will explode in a cloud of feathers.

★ Crash Bandicoot looks different in Japan than in the rest of the world. To play with the Japanese version of Crash, press □, ○, □, ○ on PS2 and X, B, X, B on GameCube and Xbox.

★ To remove the maximum top speed on the cars, enter ○, ○, △, △ on PS2 and B, B, Y, Y on GameCube and Xbox.

Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire

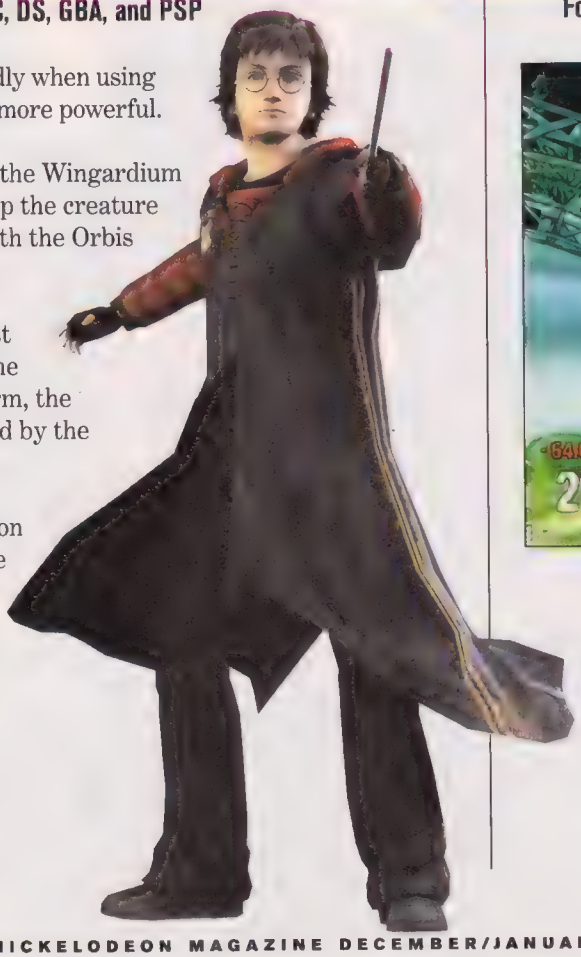
For GameCube, PS2, Xbox, PC, DS, GBA, and PSP

★ Tap the down key repeatedly when using the Carpe spell to make it more powerful.

★ To levitate a dugbog, cast the Wingardium Leviosa charm. If you keep the creature up, you can get rid of it with the Orbis spell effect.

★ If you jinx the dugbog first and then levitate it with the Wingardium Leviosa charm, the creature will be dispatched by the Avifors spell effect.

★ Find and jinx all the dragon statues in each level of the game and you'll win the Priori Incantatum Booster card as a reward. It may help you out with an important challenge.



SSX on Tour

For GameCube, PS2, Xbox, and PSP

Go to the Main menu, then to Extras, then choose Cheat Codes. Enter these codes:

★ To unlock a Freeride, enter *backstagepass.*

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Shows air one hour earlier in the central time zone. Showtimes are subject to change. Check nick.com for details.

Let's Just Play: On the Move

Check the Let's Just Play section of nick.com for new message-board posts on health and fitness. Also, turn to page 102 of this issue for info from San Diego Charger LaDainian Tomlinson, including a tip for kids who want to be faster runners.

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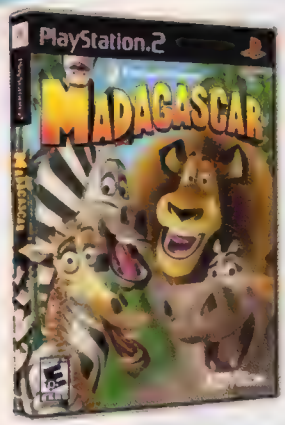

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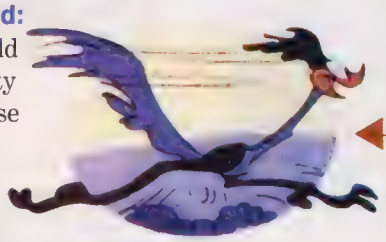
Earliest football memory:
"My first Pop Warner [youth football league] game when I was seven. I scored a touchdown the first time I ever touched the ball."

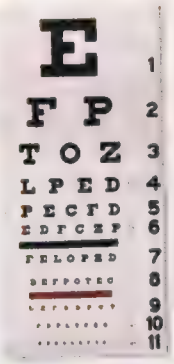
Always the first pick in gym class?
"Yes. I was **fast,** and they always wanted someone fast."

Advice to kids who want to become faster runners:
"Run up hills and run forty-yard sprints as fast as you can."

What makes a good running back besides speed:
"You have to be very instinctive. Having **good vision** helps, seeing the whole field."



How he dealt with losing as a kid:
"I used to be a real sore loser. I would cry sometimes after a loss. It's pretty much the same now. I still hate to lose in anything."



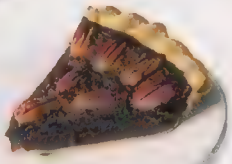
Favorite pregame meal:
"Breakfast food: eggs and bacon, an omelette, waffles. Things that give you energy."

Food that he hated as a kid but likes now:
"Steamed **vegetables.**"

The story behind the lightning bolt tattoo on his calf:
"It's a memory of when the Chargers drafted me. I will remember that day forever, and I like to get tattoos for things that I want to remember."

Best Christmas present he got as a kid:
"My first bike. It was just special, that first bike with the **banana seat.**"

Favorite holiday food:
"Pecan pie. If you want to get on my good side, bring the **pecan pie** and we'll be best friends."



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Say What? Winners

from the August issue

Man speaking: This is not what I meant when I said, "Make me a sandwich!"*
Lorenzo H., age 9
Huntington, New York

Man speaking: I thought the South Beach Diet was supposed to help me *lose* weight.
Shiva K., age 12
Fenton, Michigan

Man speaking: Pull my finger for a sandstorm!
Alexander M., age 8
New Port Richey, Florida

Man speaking: This is a strange twist—kids grounding the parents!
Jordan W., age 12
Lawrenceville, Georgia

Man speaking: That's not the kind of sunscreen I meant!*
Rachel P., age 11
Granite Falls, North Carolina

Man speaking: I think I've got sand in my shorts.*
Ashley S., age 9
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Face to Face (page 12): The boy in the yearbook photo is Tom Welling.

***Phrase* the Roof! (page 22):** **1**–B, **2**–B, **3**–B, **4**–A, **5**–A, **6**–B, **7**–C, **8**–A, **9**–C.

Check the Haul (page 62):
The two large robots (*right*) are the same (even though their arms are in different positions).

Relatively Confusing (page 74): **1**–Angie, **2**–Doug, **3**–Moe, **4**–Boris, **5**–Jen, **6**–Eartha, **7**–Joe, **8**–Wanda, **9**–Brad, **10**–Kate.

He needs a *haul* monitor.

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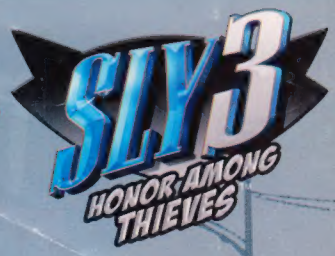

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